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GRAFTON ARCHITECTS WINS PRITZKER PRIZE 2020

Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara are the 2020 laureates for the Pritzker Architecture Prize. The pair are co-founders of Grafton Architects, according to the Pritzker Architecture were awarded for, "their integrity in their approach to both their buildings, as well as the way they conduct their practice,"

Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara met in college at the School of Architecture at University College Dublin (UCD). After graduating, both were offered the opportunity to teach at UCD, they continued to do so until 2008. According to Farrel, "Teaching for us has always been a parallel reality," In 1978, the pair, along with three others, established Grafton Architects. Their noteworthy projects include North King Street Housing in Dublin, Ireland (2000); Urban Institute of Ireland; University College Dublin (2002); Solstice Arts Centre in Navan, Ireland (2007); Loreto Community School in Milford, Ireland (2006); Offices for the Department of Finance in Dublin,

Ireland (2009); and Medical School, University of Limerick in Limerick, Ireland (2012). They have taught at institutions including École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne and Accademia di Architettura di Mendrisio and have lectured internationally. The pair have previously held the Kenzo Tange Chair at the Harvard Graduate School of Design (2010) and the Louis Kahn chair at Yale University (2011). Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara were awarded the Pritzker for the way they run their studio and for their generosity towards their colleagues.

The Pritzker Architecture Prize is awarded annually by the Hyatt Foundation, funded by the Pritzker Family. The Pritzker Prize often called the Nobel Prize for architecture, is the top prize in architecture. Possible winners are selected by Executive Director, Martha Thorne who asks past winners, academics, critics, and others involved in architecture. Any licensed architect can apply for the prize before the 1st of November each

year. Winners of the Prize include, inaugural laureate, Philip Johnson was awarded "for 50 years of imagination and vitality shown by the many museums, theaters, libraries, houses, gardens, and corporate structures.", 2004 laureate Zaha Hadid, being the first female prize winner, and Ryūe Nishizawa, the youngest winner in 2010 at the age of 44.

The official ceremony granting the award takes place every year, usually in May, in an architecturally significant site anywhere in the world. The event is invitation-only and is attended by international guests and guests from the host country. The laureates receive \$100,000 and a bronze medallion, based on designs of Louis Sullivan, famed Chicago architect generally acknowledged as the father of the skyscraper. On one side is the name of the prize and on the other are the words "firmness, commodity and delight", recalling Roman architect; Vitruvius' fundamental principles of architecture, "firmitas, utilitas, venustas."



CELEBRATION OF AGA KHAN AWARD 2019 FOR ARCHITECT SAIF UL HAQUE & HIS TEAM

2019 was an excellent year in terms of our architects' achievements. Bangladeshi Architect Saif Ul Haque (H-040) won the prestigious Aga Khan Award for Architecture for his outstanding project titled "Arcadia Education Project" in South Kanarchor, Keraniganj. Ar. Saif Ul Haque is the principal of the architectural practice Saif Ul Haque Sthapati and the Director of Research & Design Program, Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscape and Settlements. To celebrate this great accomplishment, IAB invited Ar. Saif Ul Haque and his team and

organized a celebration program at the IAB Centre on 25 January 2020.

Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, IAB, was present in the ceremony with the members of the 23rd Executive Council. Many IAB Fellows, Members, and Associate Members were also present in the joyous event. The event was conducted by Ar. Ehsan Khan, Vice President (International Relations), IAB. The celebration program featured mainly two parts. In the beginning, Ar. Ehsan Khan welcomed everyone in the event and gave a brief note to the audience about the Aga Khan Award Program and its significance. Ar. Jalal Ahmed had delivered his valuable speech to the audience before welcoming Ar. Saif Ul Haque and Salma Khan with a bouquet of

flowers on stage.

The event's main attraction was the presentation by Ar. Haque on his outstanding project entitled "Arcadia Education Project" in Keraniganj, South Kanarchor. It was a great demonstration of the project with wonderful sharing experiences in terms of the project's inception, concept, planning, construction method, and many more aspects. The project's stunning drawings, illustrations, and photographs made the audience entirely engaged in the presentation. Ar. Haque introduced all the team members of the project and acknowledged their effort and contribution. There was a discussion session right after his presentation where the audience discussed intensely many issues with Ar. Haque and applauded this great effort and teamwork.

At the end of this session, IAB President, Ar. Jalal Ahmed handover crests as a token of memento to Ar. Saif Ul Haque and Ar. Salma Khan and expressed his honor to them embracing with stoles. The session was concluded with vote of thanks by Ar. Ehsan Khan.

The second part of the event was a complete celebration with a delightful musical event where the audience was captivated by Ar. Nandanangshu Purkayastha Dhrubo and his team's glorious performance. Their exquisite melody made the event even happier and more celebratory. A traditional, grand dinner followed this blissful cultural experience. The program was sponsored by Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited.



IAB PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY PROFESSION ATTENDS ARCASIA COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (ACPP) WORKSHOP IN COLOMBO

A day long workshop of ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR) on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs practiced by different ARCASIA Member Institutes was held at Colombo, Sri Lanka on 17 February 2020.

Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President of IAB and Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker, Secretary, Profession made a presentation on the CPD activities of IAB and took part in the deliberations. The program was hosted by Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) and was presided by the ARCASIA President Ar.

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WORLD URBAN FORUM (WUF10): CONNECTING CULTURE AND INNOVATION 2020

The 10th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF) was held during 8-13 February 2020 at Abu Dhabi which was convened by UN-Habitat. Theme of the 10th Session was Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and innovation. The World Urban Forum operates as a forward-thinking, open ended think tank, providing a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue, collaboration, and a Public-Private cooperation.

A number of architects from

Bangladesh attended the WUF10 and made presentation in different sessions. The Bangladeshi Government contingent was led by the Minister of Ministry of Housing and Public Works Mr. SM Rezaul Karim MP. Among the architects from Bangladesh who attended the WUF10 were Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President-IAB, Ar. A.S.M. Aminur Rahman, Chief Architect, Department of Architecture, Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Bangladesh and Ar. Saiqua Bente Alam from DoA,

Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Bangladesh, Ar./Planner Dr. Taufique Jabin Utpal, Director UDD, Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir Titas from UIA, and Ar. Prof. Nasreen Hossain Nupur from BUET. Additionally, Ar. Sutapa Das, Ar. Zannatul Fardous, and Ar. Kazi Shamima Sharmin also attended the WUF10.

Ar. Jalal Ahmed as the Vice President of CAA also attended the presentations from CAA at the WUF10.



FORMAL CLOSING CEREMONY OF ARCASIA FORUM 20 AND IAB BUILD-EXPO 2019

ARCASIA Forum 20, the largest annual gathering of Asian architects held at Dhaka during 2-7 November 2019. IAB Build Expo 2019 (IAB Building Material & Technology Exposition 2019), the most prestigious annual building material exposition of the country organized by IAB, was also held on 2-4 November 2019 together with the ARCASIA Forum 20 event at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC), Dhaka.

These two successful big events left a very good and positive impression in the mind of all foreign guests as well as the local architect community. In order to celebrate this great achievement and formally close the activities of ARCASIA Forum 20 and IAB Build-Expo 2019, the 23rd EC organized a formal closing ceremony at the IAB Centre on 7 March 2020, followed by a Cultural Program and a Dinner with the Committees / Sub-Committees.

Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President of IAB, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir,

Immediate Past President of IAB, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Past President of IAB and Ar. Dr. Abu. Sayeed M Ahmed, Convener of ARCASIA Forum 20, and Past President of IAB were present in the ceremony with the 23rd Executive Council members. The members of all Committees/Subcommittees of the events and the representative students and faculty members from the participating school of city-wide installations during ARCASIA Forum 20 were also present in the joyous event. The event was conducted by Ar. Ehsan Khan, Vice President (International Relations), IAB.

In the beginning, Ar. Ehsan Khan welcomed all in the closing ceremony program and gave a brief summary of the ARCASIA and Build-Expo events to the audience. Right after his brief, a short audio-visual clip was displayed with the glimpses of the events and snaps of the preparation phases. The clip helped explain and visualize the magnitude of the events and the

excellence that everyone was striving to achieve.

Afterward, Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain and Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed delivered their valuable speeches respectively to the audience. Ar. Ehsan Khan then opened the floor and asked all to come up and share their thoughts and experiences with each other. Ar. Bikash Saud Ansary, Ar. Kazi Nurul Karim Dilu, Ar. Masud Khan and many more architects shared their experiences of the events with all. Right after the sharing session, Ar. Ehsan Khan declared the names of the representative students and faculty members from the participating school of city-wide installations during ARCASIA Forum 20 and handed over the crests to the winners and certificates to all participants. Ar. Ehsanul Karim was rewarded as Special Recognition in the event for his photograph "Triumph" for the ARCASIA Photography Exhibition.

At the end of the first session, Ar. Dr. Abu. Sayeed. M Ahmed, Convener of the ARCASIA Forum 20 handed over the complete Report of the event to IAB President while he was given a crest as a token of memento from the Institute. Ar. Jalal Ahmed expressed his thanks and gratitude to the Forum Convener and all the Committees'/Subcommittees' members for their wholehearted support and cooperation for the successful accomplishment of the events. 23rd EC, IAB had sent Letter of Appreciation to all the Conveners, Member Secretaries and Members of the Committees/Subcommittees. The session was concluded with vote of thanks by Ar. Ehsan Khan.

After the formal part, a delightful cultural event was performed by Ar. Nandanangshu Purkayastha Dhruvo and his team. Their beautiful melody made the event even more joyous and delightful. This cultural event was followed by a traditional grand dinner.





CELEBRATION OF IAB FOUNDATION DAY AND INAUGURATION OF STHAPATYACHARJO MUZHARUL ISLAM SARANI

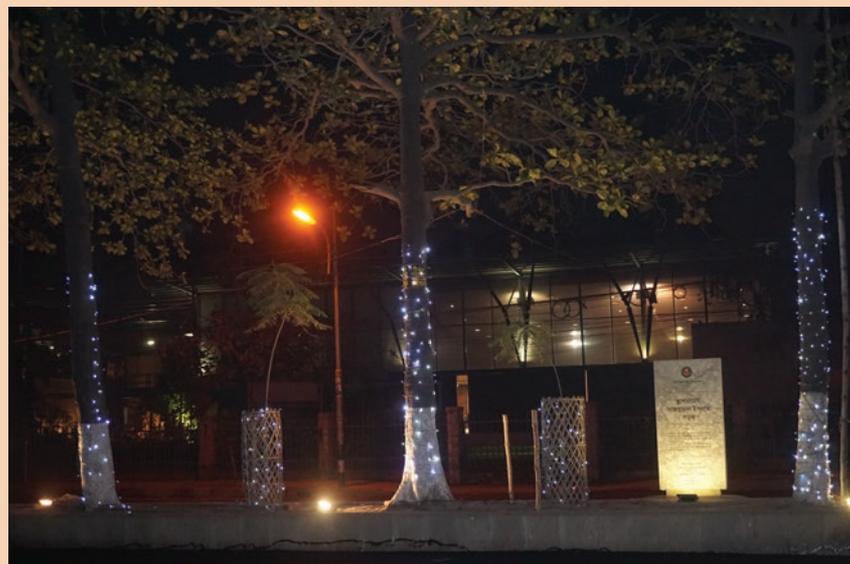
IAB Foundation Day celebration and the naming of the road named after the Architect Muzharul Islam were held on 25 February 2020 at the IAB Centre premises. Mr. Atiqul Islam, the newly elected Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation was present as the special guest on the occasion. Former Presidents of the IAB, members of the 23rd Executive Council and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

The Program started with the

welcome speech of Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, IAB and followed by the Speeches of the former presidents Ar. Shah Alam Zahiruddin, Prof. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, and Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir. A part of the documentary 'Tini' made by Ar. Enamul Karim Nirjhar on Architect Muzharul Islam was shown on the occasion.

A recommendation manifesto titled 'Recommendations for Improving Urban Environment of Dhaka' was handed over to the

Mayor by Ar. Dr. Farida Nilufar, Secretary, Environment & Urbanization, IAB. In his speech, special guest Mayor Mr. Atiqul Islam assured to cooperate with IAB on pressing urban issues and expressed his gratitude to the institute for taking such initiatives. The program was conducted by Ar. Nowajish Mahbub, General Secretary of 23rd Executive Council, IAB.



OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUES ARISING DURING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DESIGNS FOR RAJUK APPROVAL IN THE LIGHT OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION RULES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

An open discussion was held at Berger Seminar Hall of IAB Centre on 11 January 2020 (Saturday) at 4:30 pm on the issues arising during the preparation and submission of designs for RAJUK approval in the light of building construction rules and possible solutions. Ar. Nowajish Mahbub, General Secretary, IAB chaired the meeting. Besides, on behalf of the Institute, Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, and Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, Vice President (National Affairs) addressed the meeting.

Numerous architects including Ar. Mahmudul Aziz (A-109), Ar. Manzur Elahi (A-222), Ar. Mehedi Amin (A-174), Ar. Abdul Halim

(A-233), Ar. Pradyut Basak (E-08), Ar. Syed Sirajul Haque (H-034) made their statements. In addition, various issues were sent through e-mail by other architects, including Ar. Nasima Islam (I-059), was also discussed.

Several issues were addressed in the discussion, such as the lack of coordination between the Civil Aviation Authority and RAJUK in design approval, the illegal bond system at RAJUK, various harassing activities against architects due to the forgery of signatures by others, the illegal construction of different parts of the building by the owner after the supervision period. Other complaints,

including misleading RAJUK explanations of the front balcony, side balcony, hanging veranda, were discussed.

Some of the suggestions made by the architects include holding regular meetings with the authorized RAJUK officers concerned, involving the members of the BC Committee in the CPD or seminar activities on construction rules, the mandatory submission of photographs of the constructed building during the application of the occupancy certificate by the building owner, and monitor the construction of buildings to stop illegal construction.

At the end of the meeting, the

IAB President drew everyone's attention and said that the problems would be resolved to a large extent with the new method that would be implemented for the formulation and approval of the design at RAJUK. He stated that the IAB would act against the architects involved in the forgery of the signature and that RAJUK would also be asked to take action against the RAJUK officers/employees involved in the forgery of the signature. All the architects present at the meeting were also assured that all the complaints received had been duly documented and that all necessary steps would be taken to resolve them.



AWARD GIVING CEREMONY OF KSRM AWARDS FOR FUTURE ARCHITECTS BEST UNDERGRADUATE THESIS

The much-awaited award-giving ceremony of 'KSRM AWARDS FOR FUTURE ARCHITECTS for Best Undergraduate Thesis, in association with IAB' was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at Hotel Intercontinental Dhaka. This was the very first award ceremony of this newly introduced Student Award for the Award cycle 2018-19. This award is a forum that brings together under one roof all three Architecture domains - Academia, Industry, and Profession.

Mr. S M Rezaul Karim MP, Honorable Minister, Minister of Housing and Public Works and Mr. Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury MP, Honorable Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education of Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Shahriar Jahan, DMD, KSRM Steel Plant Ltd, Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, IAB were present on the occasion and awarded the crests, certificates, and cheques to the winners. Along with the students, their

thesis teachers and respective architecture department too received recognition on their achievements.

KSRM as a representative of the Building Industry has come forward to recognize the talents of graduating architecture students by getting associated with IAB in making this proposal from IAB a reality. This collaboration would not have been possible without their support. This will be an annual award program for graduating Architecture students henceforth and play a vital role hopefully in bridging the existing gap between academia, industry, and profession gradually.

A total of 28 projects from 10 IAB accredited architecture schools of the country were submitted. These projects had already gone through an internal screening at their respective schools and then only found their way to IAB to be included in the national level of evaluation.

A panel of eminent jurors Ar. Mohammad Ali Naqi [Vice-chancellor of Stamford University Bangladesh], Dr. Fuad H Mallick [Professor and Dean, School of Design, BRAC University], Dr. Farida Nilufar [Professor of Architecture at BUET], Ar. Saif UI Haque [Aga Khan award 2019 winner and Director Research and Design program, Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscape and Settlement] and Ar. Mustafa Ameen [Principle and Proprietor of Domus Architects] evaluated these projects.

All the entries were then publicly displayed in a three-day-long Exhibition from December 25 to December 27, 2019 at IAB Centre which was open for all. On the eve of the award giving ceremony a booklet was published containing all the submitted projects with jury citations.

First Position: Md. Arman Alam
Stamford University Bangladesh

Second Position: Bristy Sarker
Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology

Third Position: Rahman Golam Mahmudur
American International University-Bangladesh

Commendation-1: Rezve Md. Fahim Hasan
American International University-Bangladesh

Commendation-2: Md. Shariful Alam Anik
Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology





AWARDS FOR FUTURE ARCHITECTS

in association with IAB



LANDMARK MONUMENT: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA AND GOLDEN JUBILEE OF INDEPENDENCE OF BANGLADESH AT UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA

OPEN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION | 56 ENTRIES | BEST 03 IN BRIEF

An open architectural design competition was launched on 04 January 2020, for a "Landmark Monument" to mark the Centenary of the University of Dhaka and the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh at Mall Area, a very intriguing parcel in the campus of the University of Dhaka. The university has a keen interest in this momentous project and has allocated development funds in favor of the "construction of Landmark Monument: Celebrating 100 Years of the University of Dhaka and Golden Jubilee of Independence of Bangladesh" at the mall area. The spot was earlier selected to construct "Kendrio Shahid Minar" by then Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Muzaffar Ahmed Chaudhury in 1972. The Landmark Monument will represent the university over its 100 years journey incorporating knowledge and our

glorious struggle for freedom. Institute of Architects Bangladesh in association with the University of Dhaka, organized the competition in commemoration of these two colossal events together. The objectives of the competition assignment were:

- a. To create a minimalistic, iconic, and instant image that represents the University of Dhaka for generating new and integrating knowledge, revolution, Liberalism, Democratic values, Secularism, Unity and Sacrifice over its 100 years period of existence.
- b. To uphold the contribution of the University of Dhaka during the period of language movement in 1952, mass upsurge in 1969, and our Liberation War to pave the path of independent Bangladesh.
- c. To consider the Mall area as

"Muktijodhdha Chattar" with necessary/befitting landscape to be done along with the "Landmark Monument" proposal.

The last date of submission of the proposals was 11 March 2020 at IAB Centre. A total of 56 entrants submitted their design proposals in widespread enthusiasm. The Jury convened on 13-14 March 2020 at the same venue. The jury was comprised of Prof. Nisar Hossain (Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka), Prof. Shibli Rubayat Islam (Dean, Faculty of Business Studies, University of Dhaka), Ar. Nahas Ahmed Khalil (ARC Architectural Consultants), Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid (Vistara Architects Pvt Ltd.) and Ar. Marina Tabassum (MTA).

The result announcement was dated 14 March 2020. All submitted entries were open for

exhibition on 15, 16 & 18 March 2020 at IAB Centre. The competition was directed by Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud, Secretary-Publication and Publicity, IAB with the valuable support of the deputy director Ar. Sakib Ahsan Choudhury. The whole competition was coordinated by Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker, Secretary-Profession, 23rd EC, IAB.

1 "The proposal breaks away from the preconception of landmark as an object and suggests the notion of space."





First Prize: niin Architects
 Ar. Hosni Mobarak (M-129)
 Ar. Samin Rahman (AR-342)
 Ar. Nishat Tasnim (AT-124)
 & team

Second Prize: River & Rain
 Ar. Kazi Fida Islam (I-060)
 & team

Third Prize: Union Technical Consult Ltd
 Ar. Md. Shah Alam (A-013)
 Ar. Md. Habibullah (AH-226)
 Ar. Asif Uz Jaman Badhan (AB-132) & team

2 *"The design masterfully integrates architecture, art and landscape which would allow visitors to engage in learning the names of individuals associated with Dhaka University's 100 year's history."*



3 *"The jury found the paradoxical relationship of the two atmospheres intriguing. The design successfully captured monumentality of a landmark yet maintaining the scale befitting to an educational institution."*

Honorable Mentions

IDEA
 Ar. Mohammed Tarek Haider (H-179)
 Ar. Moushumi Ahmed (A-159)
 (AB-132) & team

MODULAR DESIGN STUDIO
 Ar. Syed Mohammad Imran Hossain (H-168)
 Ar. Haider Ali (AA-284)
 Ar. Shadia Shaheed (AS-279)
 Ar. Rabaya Nusrath Niva (N-046)
 & team

KHETRO
 Ar. Md. Shumsuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan (B-041)
 Ar. Mohammed Shahnawaz (S-154)
 Ar. Al Numan Mohammad Yunus (Y-008)
 Ar. Dhruva Jyoti Das (D-014)
 Ar. Md. Hasan Al Emtiaz Zafree (AZ-011)
 Ar. Asif M Noem (AN-118)
 Ar. Zannatul Salsabil (AZ-448)
 & team

GEOMATRIX ARCHITECTS
 Ar. Sabbir Ahmed (A-155)
 Ar. Ali Zawhor Syed (S-133)
 Ar. Risal Ahmed (AA-255) & team

INGRID ASSOCIATES
 Ar. A. K. M. Abu Hasan (H-116)
 Ar. Mahfil Ali (A-076) & team



PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY OF DPDC

OPEN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION FOR THE DESIGN OF MULTISTORIED OFFICE CUM COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON "UNDERGROUND SUBSTATION" AT KAWRANBAZAR, TEJGAON, DHAKA

Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC) in association with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), organized an open architectural design competition to obtain a multistoried office cum commercial building on "Underground Substation" at Karwan Bazar, Dhaka.

More than 60 architectural firms participated in the design contest where 5 best architectural designs are selected for acknowledging their

efforts. The award-giving ceremony was held on 13 January 2020 at Berger Seminar Hall of IAB Centre. Mr. Engr. Md. Ramiz Uddin Sharker, Executive Director (Engineering), DPDC handed over the prizes as the Chief Guest. Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President of IAB presided the ceremony. On behalf of IAB Ar. Bayezid Mahbub Khondker, Secretary Profession and Ar. M. Wahid Asif, Competition Director were also present during the ceremony.

First Winner : JVA of A Cube Limited & Alter Architects & Associates

Ar. Md. Rakibul Hasan [H-171]
Ar. Ehsanul Alam [A-158]
& team

Second Winner : Oredh Architects & Associates Ltd.

Ar. Towfiqur Rahman [R-128]
& team

Special Mentions

Maverick Eye Architects

Ar. Md. Musfaqul Ahsan [A-205]
Ar. Mokarrom Hossain [H-184]
Ar. Ruhan Islam Zino [AZ-015]
Ar. Sadmin Sadiana [S-132]
Ar. Raiyan Islam Shantanu [S-150]
& team

Vistaara Architects (Pvt.) Ltd.

Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid [K-037]
Ar. Sk. Sefat-E-Ishtiaq [I-103]
& team

R.E.D Consultant & Zero D Consultants JV.

Ar. Mohammad Aminul Ehsan [E-005]
Ar. Nazmul Ahmed Roni [AR-240]
Ar. Shahriar Mannan [AM-204]
Ar. A.K.M. Ashrafuz Zaman [AA-295]
Ar. Azher ul Islam [AI-179]
Ar. Nabila Sayed [AS-280]
& team



PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPETITION BY BUILD BANGLADESH

OPEN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE MIDDLE-INCOME GROUP AT SAVAR

Institute of Architects Bangladesh, for the last few years, has been trying to promote competition as the preferred mode of selection of an architect. In continuation of that effort, IAB extended its support in organizing an open architectural design competition for affordable housing for the middle-income group at Savar, initiated by Build Bangladesh. The process ended with the award-giving ceremony, held on 15 January 2020 at Samson H Chowdhury Centre of Dhaka Club.

The Program was hosted by the Build Bangladesh with the support of IAB. The prize winners of the competition received the award, crest and certificate from the honorable chief guest Mr. Ahmed Jamal, Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank, in the presence of all the Jury members and other esteemed guests. The ceremony was followed by a lively interactive forum by the jury members titled "Architecture Achieving Affordability" where knowledge and practical experience were shared to deliver and define the impact

necessities focusing on holistic affordable housing across Bangladesh.

The book launching ceremony of the 'Architectural Compendium-Competition on affordable housing for lower-middle-income group' was also held on this occasion.

The event was concluded with a generous vote of thanks to all the Participants, Jurors, IAB, and the guests from Mr. Arastoo Khan and Ar. Farhadur Reza on behalf of Build Bangladesh.





First Prize : GROUND-ONE KHETRO CONSORTIUM

Ar. Md. Shumsuddin Ahmed Bhuiyan [B-041]
 Ar. Mohammed Shahnawaz [S-154]
 Ar. Al Numan Mohammad Yunus [Y-008]
 Ar. Dhruva Jyoti Das [D-014]
 Ar. Md. Hasan Al Emtiaz Zafree [AZ-011]
 Ar. Asif M Noeem [AN-118]
 Ar. Zannatul Salsabil [AS-448] & team

Second Prize : AXIS DESIGN STUDIO

Ar. Tanvir Mahmud [M-072]

Third Prize:

CBD [CENTRE FOR BUILDING DESIGN]

Ar. Mohammad Mahmudul Islam (I-056)
 Ar. Mehedi Amin (A-184)
 Ar. Md. Khalid Hasan Chowdhury (AC-133) & team

SYED KUSHOL ARCHITECTS

Ar. Syed Abu Sufian Kushol (K-112)
 Ar. Md. Tariquzzaman (AT-079) & team

Honorable Mentions

DWG

Ar. Tanzim Hasan Salim (S-063)
 Ar. Naheed Farzana (F-010)
 Ar. Asaduzzaman Rubel (R-167) & team

ZERO D CONSULTANTS

Ar. Abu M. Fazlul Karim (K-011)
 Ar. A.K.M. Ashrafuz Zaman (A-260)
 Ar. Nabila Sayed (S-171)
 Ar. Azher ul Islam (AI-179)
 Ar. Nazmul Ahmed Roni (AR-240)
 Ar. Shahriar Mannan (AM-204)
 Ar. Monirul Alam (AA-442) & team

SAA [SHABBIR AHMED ARCHITECTS]

Ar. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed (A-072)
 Ar. Ahmed Ullah Al Tawheed (AT-120)
 Ar. Abu Taib Mohammed Shahjahan (AS-092)
 Ar. Sumaiyah Binte Mamun (AM-170) & team



IAB CONTINGENT PARTICIPATES IN THE INAUGURAL ARCASIA SPORTS FIESTA 2020

On 12 February 2020, IAB contingent left for Sri Lanka to participate in the Inaugural ARCASIA Sports Fiesta 2020, a memorable day for IAB Sports Activities Committee. The fiesta took place from 13 February to

18 February in Colombo, Sri Lanka. This prestigious event was attended by about 140 participants from five ARCASIA member countries. Ar. Ehsan Khan, Vice President (International Relations), IAB &

Ar. Md. Shahid Hasan Rabbani acted as Convener and Event Coordinator for the IAB contingent, respectively.

IAB Sports Activities Committee conveyed their gratitude to

Kohler and Meghna Group of Industries for sponsoring the Cricket Team and Badminton Team respectively.

The contingent comprises as follows:

1. Ar. D S Fawad Hyder
2. Ar. Masudur Rahman Khan
3. Ar. Ehsan Khan
4. Ar. A K M Lutful Kabir
5. Ar. Selim Altaf Biplob
6. Ar. Muhammed Miraz ur Rahman
7. Ar. Shak Mohammad Anwar Parvez
8. Ar. Abu Anas Faisal

9. Ar. Md. Shahid Hasan Rabbani
10. Ar. Mutasem Billah-Al-Abbashi
11. Ar. Md. Ammar Yasir
12. Ar. Md. Hasib
13. Ar. Fazlay Alahi Farhad
14. Ar. Md. Shamsul Arifeen
15. Ar. Sanib Khan Ziad
16. Ar. Md Anwar Jahed

17. Ar. Md. Abdur Rahman Shajib
18. Ar. Shadman Alif Mim Raihan
19. Ar. Hasan Al Zabir
20. Ar. Md Anisur Rahman
21. Ar. Kazi Muhaimin Maruf
22. Ar. Md Saydur Rahman
23. Ar. Nur-E Zannat Priom
24. Ar. Nazifa Tabassum



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WE DEEPLY MOURN

IAB Associate Member Ar. Bushra Hossain (AH-214), graduated from Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) in 2002, passed away on 18 March 2020 at 6:30 pm at Samitavej Hospital Bangkok, Thailand. IAB deeply mourns her untimely demise.



IAB LECTURE SERIES: PRESENTATION OF FOUR RECENT AWARD WINNING PROJECTS

Institute of Architects Bangladesh, IAB hosted an event on the 19 February 2020 at IAB Centre, where recent award-winning architects presented their projects. Four Bangladeshi architects have won awards in three separate categories during the "28th JK Architect of the Year Awards 2019".

Ar. Faysal Kabir Himun and Ar.

Anup Kumar Basak (Framework) has been awarded the "Foreign Countries' Architect of the Year Award" for the project "Site Accommodation Facilities for Foreign Construction Staffs".

Ar. Asif Mohammed Ahsanul Haq (Venna Architects) has been awarded the "Foreign Countries' Commendation Award" for the project "Rizia Porompora".

Ar. Rashed Hassan Chowdhury (Dehsar Works) has been awarded the "Foreign Countries' Young Architect Award" for the project "Ajo Idea Space".

On the other hand Ar. Sharif Uddin Ahamed (Sthapotik) has been awarded the "Commendation Award" in the 9th Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture, 2019 for the project "The Carnation".

Due to some unavoidable circumstances Ar. Rashed Hassan Chowdhury could not attend the event to present his project.

After the presentations, a discussion session was moderated by Ar. Taufiqur Rahman Khan, Seminar & Convention, Secretary, 23rd Executive Council, IAB.



CPD PROGRAMS ON DHAKA MOHANAGAR IMARAT NIRMAN BIDHIMALA 2008

The first Continuing Professional Development Workshop of 2020 was on 'Dhaka Mohangar Imarat Nirman Bidhimala 2008' organized by the Institute on 13-14 January 2020 at the Berger Seminar Hall of IAB Centre. Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif

conducted the two days long workshop. On 12-13 February 2020, for the second time the same CPD was held at the same place but conducted by the General Secretary of IAB, Ar. Nowajish Mahub and Secretary, Membership, IAB, Ar. Tofayel Md.

Sarower. 40 members were registered on each course.

The major discussion topics were definitions, submission procedures, calculation of FAR, set-backs, stairs, and so on. A very interactive discussion

session was held at the end of the workshop. The CPD program ended with a certification giving ceremony. Both the workshops were coordinated by the Secretary, Profession Ar. Bayejid Mahub Khondker with CPD management committee.



CPD ON MEANS OF EGRESS IN TERMS OF LIFE SAFETY

IAB believes that proper teaching and training on fire safety and its practical implementation in the field of architecture will help architects in improving fire safety conditions in buildings designed by them. For such, IAB periodically organizes workshops on topics like fire safety, building rules and regulations, etc.

The Continuing Professional Development Workshop on the topic 'Means of Egress in Terms of Life Safety' was organized by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh on 26 February

2020 at the Berger Seminar Hall of IAB Centre. The first CPD on the same topic was held on 30 January 2020 at the same place. Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif conducted the three and half hour long workshops and Secretary Profession of 23rd Executive Council, IAB Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker coordinated the events.

The first session of the workshop was focused on the classification of buildings according to Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC) 2006. The detailed overviews to understand the Classification of

Buildings based on Occupancy, Occupancy Separation Rating, Fire Zone, and Building Construction Types based on Fire Resistance discussed comprehensively. After that to achieve minimum requirements for life safety, one of the major items "Means Of Egress" was discussed in detail which includes its fire rating, number of exits, placements, capacity, and all of its necessary components.

Certificates were distributed among all the participants at the completion of the program.



CPD ON CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT 2018

Architectural practice is constantly impacted by the evolving socio-economic conditions. An architect in practice, when interacting with persons within or outside the profession, often faces a dilemma about the ethical implications of his/her decisions, as in many situations, what is lawful may not necessarily be ethical. In recent times, with the advent of social media, such issues have become more complex and are debated widely.

Keeping this in view, the Institute

of Architects Bangladesh formulated the Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct in 2010. It was updated in 2018. To make architects aware of the ethical obligations of architects' practice, IAB has initiated a CPD program where members are made aware of the premises and details of the codes. On 23 January 2020, such an event was organized at IAB Centre and it was participated by 40 members. Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, Vice President (National Affairs), IAB conducted the three-hour-long

workshop and Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker, Secretary Profession of 23rd Executive Council, IAB coordinated the event.

The first session of the workshop focused on the 2010 edition of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct and was briefly discussed on the 2018 version of the new inclusions. Certificates were distributed among all the participants at the completion of the CPD program.



CPD ON IMARAT NIRMAN BIDHIMALA 1996

On 19 February 2020, a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) course on 'Imarat Nirman Bidhimala 1996' was held in Berger Seminar Hall at IAB Centre. The CPD course focused on comprehensive knowledge on 'Imarat Nirman Bidhimala 1996' and its

application in design. All members, especially those who are working as an IAB representative in various city corporations, upazilas, and pourashavas and those who are wishing to render the same responsibility in the future were encouraged to participate in this

CPD.

A very interactive discussion session was held at the end of the workshop. The CPD course was conducted by Ar. Chowdhury Saiduzzaman. He completed his Bachelor of Architecture from Bangladesh

University of Engineering and Technology. The CPD was coordinated by Ar. Bayejid M Khondker, Secretary, Profession, IAB with CPD management committee.



IAB EXTENDS HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO MARGINALIZED PEOPLE OF SLUMS

On 25 March 2020, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) donated taka fifty thousand to 'ASTHA-Community Hospice Palliative Care' for preparing and distributing packages with basic food, medicines, soaps and leaflets with helpline phone numbers among the unemployed marginalized people of a slum at Rayerbazar during 26 and 27 March 2020. ASTHA Hospice (A Foundation of Hospice Bangladesh) is a no-fee nursing and counselling services accessible within Dhaka.



IAB PAYS HOMAGE TO THE MARTYRS OF LANGUAGE MOVEMENT

Led by its General Secretary, Ar. Nowajish Mahbub, IAB paid homage to the martyrs of Language Movement in the early hours of 'Ekushe February' (21st February 2020) at the Central Shaheed Minar. The IAB contingent included, among others, Ar. Tofayel Md. Sarower-Secretary, Membership; Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain-Secretary, Heritage & Culture, Ar. Mohammad Mashiur Rahman, Ar. Md. Golam Azam, Ar. Sharif, Ar. Apurba, IAB officials and others.



IAB CHATTOGRAM BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2020

During the first week of February 2020, IAB Chattogram Badminton Tournament 2020 took place. The two-day competition, sponsored by the renowned architectural firm Silver Bricks Limited, was held at the CPDL Gardenia project premises in Devpahar, Chattogram. and with courtesy from Eng. Iftekher Hossen, CEO of CPDL, who paid a cordial visit to the venue to encourage the participants of the tournament.

Students from the two architecture schools in the city, Chattogram University of Engineering & Technology (CUET) and Premier University (PU), were invited to participate in this year's edition. More than 50 architects and students of different age groups took part in

the mixed events of the tournament, i.e., Singles, Doubles, Architect-Student Encounter Doubles, etc. On both days of the tournament more than a hundred enthusiasts visited the venue to cheer on the participants.

Ar. Shawkat Hossain Rana has won with his all-round performance in the Singles category. The team of Ar. Rashed Yousuf and Ar. Tarek Mohiuddin won the Doubles contest, while in the Architect-Student Encounter it was the architects who were the winners. The Chief Guest Ar. Ahmed Jinnur Chowdhury gave out prizes to the winners on the final day. The event ended off at the venue with a delicious Bar-B-Que dinner.



IAB PROPOSES CONTEMPORARY HERITAGE SITES OF BANGLADESH FOR INCLUSION IN THE WORLD HERITAGE TENTATIVE LIST TO THE FIRST TIME

IAB, for the first time, has taken an initiative to play an active role to nominate heritage properties for inclusion in the world heritage tentative list. To update the tentative list to nominate heritage properties for inscription on the World Heritage List, the Department of Archaeology, GOB invited different actors and stakeholders including IAB to propose potential heritage properties. IAB invited its members through email to propose potential sites through IAB. Moreover, IAB also took additional initiatives to involve its members in proposing potential heritage sites for the World Heritage Tentative List.

It may be mentioned that, in Bangladesh, there are only two World Heritage sites (Cultural) - Historic Mosque City of

Bagerhat and The Ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur, which were included in 1985.

Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan prepared the nomination document for 'National Assembly Complex, Bangladesh' with the advice of Ar. Dr. Kazi Khaleed Ashraf. Ar. Muhtadin Iqbal and Ar. Md. Wahiduzzaman Ratul was entrusted to prepare the nomination document for 'The Architectural Work of Muzharul Islam- an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement in South Asia.' with the advice of Ar. Saif Ul Haque. Ar. Fatema Tasmia prepared the nomination document for 'The Architectural Work of Architect Robert G. Boughey, A Pioneering Contribution in the History of Modern Architecture in Bangladesh'. Moreover, Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, IAB, Ar. Dr.

Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Past President, IAB; Ar. Dr. Sharif Shams Imon, President, ICOMOS-BD, and Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, IAB contributed with their suggestions, opinions, and guidelines in preparing the Nomination-documents. On 27 January 2020, a meeting was also held at IAB Centre to discuss the aforementioned proposals.

Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, IAB and Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, IAB coordinated the teamwork and took the necessary steps to send the proposals. On 15 February 2020, IAB officially sent the following proposals for inclusion in the World Heritage Tentative List:

1. National Assembly Complex, Bangladesh
2. The Architectural Work of Muzharul Islam- an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement in South Asia.
3. The Architectural Work of Architect Robert G. Boughey- A Pioneering Contribution in the History of Modern Architecture in Bangladesh.

It may be mentioned that modern heritage has already ensured a significant position at the world heritage list. Bangladesh has a very rich modern heritage that needs to be focused in a global context. IAB-proposals to include the modern heritage of Bangladesh in the world heritage tentative list will ensure a strong step to open a new window to promote the Architecture of Bangladesh in a global context.



বাস্থই বসন্ত উৎসব POSTPONED DUE TO OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

IAB took an initiative to celebrate বাস্থই বসন্ত উৎসব on 10 March 2020 at IAB premises. The event was designed to be a festive day of fun and merrymaking for IAB members and their families welcoming the advent of spring. The event was planned to include programs like puppet show; carnival, horse cart rides; bioscope, nagordola rides; baloon shooting; raffle draw; lunch; dinner, other games & sports; a concert by MILES etc.

However, due to the outbreak of COVID 19, had to postpone this large gathering considering the health risk of the IAB members and their families due to the outbreak of the pandemic.

We hope that we all will be able to meet soon once the pandemic is over.



EDITOR'S NOTE



Dear Readers,

Greetings from the 23rd Executive Council of Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). A very welcome to our first issue of the IAB NEWSLETTER of this year, 2020. Thanks to everybody who took the time to share their praise for the issues of the IAB Newsletter 2019.

A new year means new hopes, new initiatives for novel achievements. However, due to the outbreak of COVID 19, a lot of initiatives had to be postponed considering the health risk of the IAB members and their families due to the outbreak of the pandemic. The publication of this newsletter was also delayed due to the uncertainty surrounding printing facilities. After much thought and waiting, IAB has decided to publish and distribute the newsletter online. We hope we all will be able to resume our regular activities soon once the pandemic is over.

A significant number of new initiatives and achievements happened during the month of January to March. For the first time, IAB, played an active role to propose heritage sites of Bangladesh for inclusion in the World Heritage Tentative List, IAB extended humanitarian support to marginalized people of Dhaka slums at the very early stage of the pandemic period and the much-awaited award-giving ceremony of 'KSRM AWARDS FOR FUTURE ARCHITECTS for Best Undergraduate Thesis, in association with IAB' was celebrated at Hotel Intercontinental Dhaka. A good number of prize-giving ceremonies and award celebrations were also hosted during this period.

Besides the new initiatives, this issue will also highlight regular activities like CPD, seminar and lectures, design competition, new publication, and IAB participation in national and international platforms.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of our associate member Ar. Bushra Hossain (AH-214). On behalf of IAB, we offer sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I would like to express sincere gratitude to all EC members, contributors, IAB office, and the Printing and Publication Committee for their continuous support and contribution. I acknowledge and thank Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited for patronizing us.

We would love to have our members' contributions and communications for the IAB Newsletter. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions, thoughts, suggestions, or comments at mail@iab.com.bd.

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