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Dear Architects,

Greetings from the 23rd Executive Council!

This is the 2nd issue of the IAB Newsletter of 2019. You may have noticed in the 1st issue of the Newsletter that one of the main focus of the 1st quarter of this year was to create a number of committees with the participation of large number of interested IAB members. This was done mainly because it's not possible for only the 15 members of the EC to address the growing and rapidly changing needs of our profession without the involvement of the general members of IAB. All these committees have started functioning from the beginning of the 2nd quarter of 2019 and gradually, we will be able to start seeing the outcome of the initiatives of these committees in the coming months.

We sadly saw a number of tragic fire incidences in Dhaka city in the recent times. Immediately after the F R Tower fire, IAB organized a press conference at IAB Center about how to address and reduce the risk of fire incidences in buildings. A number of senior and eminent architects spoke at this press conference. Besides, IAB is already in contact with NFPA of USA and International Code Council to arrange training and capacity building of the IAB members regarding life and fire safety in buildings.

In April 2019 IAB submitted an appeal to the Chairman of NBR to reduce the AIT and VAT from the current rates to the lowest tiers i.e. 5% for all types of professional services. IAB participated proposed the same at the pre-budget stakeholders meeting organized by NBR,

We are also focusing on generating awareness among the policymakers and stakeholders about the importance of preserving our heritage buildings and sites. As a first step, 23rd EC initiated the publication of electronic version of the "IAB Heritage Bulletin". Thanks to the IAB HEAR Committee, specially to Secretary Heritage and Culture Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain for this initiative.

Immediately after knowing about the sad news of demolition of the "Jahaj Bari" in old Dhaka, IAB wrote separate letters to the Honorable Chief Justice, Minister for Housing and Public Works, State Minister for Cultural Affairs, Mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation, Inspector General of Police and Chairman of RAJUK condemning the demolition of this historic building, disregarding the directives of High Court. In the letters, IAB also expressed its concern about the indiscriminate demolition of other historic buildings in different parts of the country.

Another important event was signing of the joint declaration among the presidents of UIA, ARCASIA and IAB regarding implementation of the UN SDG Goals, during the UIASDG Commission Meeting and the ARCASIA Office Bearers Meeting hosted by IAB at Dhaka.

I am also happy to inform that the preliminary activities of hosting of the ARCASIA Forum 20 is in progress. A large number of architects will be able to attend the presentations of the star architects from home and abroad at the Forum 20. Another significance of this ARCASIA Forum 20 is the grand celebration of the 50th anniversary of ARCASIA at Dhaka.

Ar. Jalal Ahmed, FIAB
President
23rd Executive Council



IAB HOSTS THE 2ND ARCASIA OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING AT DHAKA

On 12-13 April 2019, the Arcasia Office Bearers and Committee Chairs held its second meeting in Dhaka which was hosted by Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). The meeting was graced by presence of Rita Soh Siow Lan, President, ARCASIA, and coordinated by Qazi M Arif, Chairman, ACGSA (ARCASIA Committee for Green & Sustainable Architecture). The meeting was held during the Pohela Boishakh weekend and the delegates had a chance to celebrate the Bengali New Year with the architects of IAB during a conference dinner held in honor of ARCASIA President Rita Soh and UIA President Thomas Vonier. ■



4TH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF UIA SDG COMMISSION HELD AT IAB PREMISES

On 13 April 2019, UIA SDG Commission's (SDGC) 4th Steering Committee Meeting held in Dhaka, with representatives from USA, Denmark, Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Egypt, Nigeria, India, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia and Hong Kong. Total 14 members physically attended the meeting, 4 joined via online video conferencing. The meeting was graced by presence of UIA President Thomas Vonier, Natalie Mossin, Co-Director, UIA SDGC and IAB President Jalal Ahmed. The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) hosted the meeting under the coordination of Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir Titas, Co-Director, UIA SDGC. All the members

presented brief report on current status in their region towards the implementation of SDG (Sustainable Development Goals). The day long discussion ended up with setting up followings:

Project and Priorities for 2019-2020

- a. Set the target for the second publication of Architecture Guide to the UN 17 Development Goals by 2020. Prepared by KDAK and UIA.
- b. To understand the SDG targets and redefine a separate SDG indicators adopted for architects and develop a UIA SDG Guideline for all member section to implement the Sustainable Development Goals.

- c. Recommend policies to education commission and develop summer school programme in relation to the SDG.
- d. Conduct the survey of all UIA Member Sections on engagement of SDG issues.
- e. Develop / provide tools for measuring building performance in relation to SDG.
- f. Develop the SDG codes/policies for architects and disseminate across member network.

The Commission has taken decision to exhibit projects from SDG Architecture Guide for the UIA mid-term Forum in Baku June 2019. Also commission members will represent UIA in

World Urban Campaign meetings (WUC SCM 2019), UN Habitat General Assembly at Nairobi, COP 25 at Chile, Dec 2019. Lastly, like WUF9, would participate in World urban Forum, Feb, 2020, (WUF10) at Abu Dhabi. Mohammad Munyanya – VP R5, Mona Rady, Ramatu Aliyu from SDG commission will join Nairobi.

At the end of the meeting, the Dhaka Declaration was adopted unanimously

On 14 April the UIA SDG Commission members had a walking tour at Ramna park to celebrate the festival of Bengali new year. ■



UIA, ARCASIA AND IAB SIGNS JOINT DECLARATION TO IMPLEMENT UN SDG

United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals to be achieved by 2030



At the end of UIA SDG Commission's 4th Steering Committee meeting, the commission members anonymously decided to make a UIA Dhaka declaration on SDG. On 13 April 2019 evening, Ar. Thomas Vonier President, International Union of Architects (UIA), Rita Soh, President, Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) & Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Natalie Mossin, Co-Director, and Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir Titas, Co-Director, UIA SDGC, made a joint call on architects worldwide to take action in their own practice and as civic leaders to shape their work and their words to help achieve the 17 UN sustainable development goals. And jointly signed the declaration.

Over the last few decades, tremendous progress has been made in improving the health, education and well-being of people around the world. However, this development has been accompanied by environmental damage, climate change, and resource depletion as well as social and cultural challenges. In 2015, the nations of the world came together and laid out the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals to be achieved by 2030.

Architecture interacts with each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and architects can help the goals to be achieved. As architects, we have the responsibility to contribute to the built environment and make choices that change the world for the better—through better buildings,

settlements, landscape architecture and urban planning.

We call on architects worldwide to take action in their own practice and as civic leaders to shape their work and their words to help achieve these goals:

- 1. End poverty:** Architects can seek to build in ways that help to eradicate poverty, by designing low-cost housing and institutions that are safe, healthy, and resilient.
- 2. End hunger:** Architects can through planning, landscape and building design to protect ecosystems and preserve areas for food production.
- 3. Good health and well-being:** Architects can design and plan so that exposure to communicable diseases and pollution is reduced, daylight, good acoustics and air quality is provided, and healthy levels of activity promoted.
- 4. Quality education:** Architects can design educational facilities that are affordable and inclusive.
- 5. Gender equality:** Architects can help to shape buildings, settlements and urban areas to include all persons, regardless of gender and can work to promote gender equality in the design and construction industry.
- 6. Clean water and sanitation:** Architects

can design and plan to avoid water waste or excessive runoff, and to reduce the encroachment of saltwater on freshwater aquifers and bodies.

7. Affordable and clean energy: Architects can design and plan buildings and settlements to reduce energy use, produce renewable energy where feasible, adapted to geographic, climatic and cultural conditions.

8. Decent work and economic growth: Architects can specify building materials produced in safe and clean environments, and work to ensure secure conditions on building sites and in demolition processes.

9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure: Architects can seek to use services, products and systems that pollute less, use less energy, produce less waste, and provide solutions that are safe, healthy and less costly.

10. Reduced inequalities: Architects can promote design and planning approaches that are socially responsible, inclusive and accommodate the needs of all people.

11. Sustainable cities and communities: Architects can promote measures that help to make cities more inclusive, safer and more resilient, and adaptive to anticipated climate change, with special attention to vulnerable segments of society.

12. Responsible consumption and production: Architects can seek to design for durability and for sustain-able life cycles in building components and materials, favoring recycled materials wherever possible.

13. Climate change: Architects can take action to reduce or eliminate the climate changing emissions associated with the construction and operation of the buildings they design, and make their designs adaptable to anticipated changes in climate.

14. Life below water: Architects can exercise special care for buildings and settlements in coastal regions and in fragile aquatic ecosystems, taking all possible steps to reduce harmful effects of waste and pollution on water.

15. Life on land: Architects can help promote urban development that minimizes sprawl and so reduces threats to biodiverse habitats; they can design buildings and settlements that integrate landscapes, provides habitats and connects with larger

ecosystems.

16. Peace, justice and strong institutions: Architects can advocate for policies on their projects that reduce opportunities for corruption, bribery, or unjust labor practices.

17. Partnerships for the goals: Architects can join with those who work to advance the goals. Working together we can achieve a prosperous and sustainable future. ■

A panel discussion on ENGAGING ARCHITECTS IN UN SDG



Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) organized a panel discussion to connect UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and Architects, on the eve of the 4th Steering Committee meeting of the UIA Commission at IAB Centre on 12 April 2019.

Ar. Natalie Mossin, Co-Director, UIA Commission for SDG delivered a presentation on “An Architecture Guide to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals”. Ar. Mossin elaborated all the 17 goals of SDG and talked about the global challenges related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, etc. Her presentation also focused on how to attain prosperity, peace and justice for a more sustainable future for all. After her presentation Ar. Dr. Farida Nilufar, Secretary Environment & Urbanization and Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud, Secretary Publication and Publicity of IAB delivered a presentation on “Architecture in Bangladesh: Engagement for Sustainable Development Goals”. The presentation showcased 21 projects of Bangladesh as case examples to show how local architects already achieved some of the goals of UN SDG through the intuitive design and contributing to sustainable quality of life.

The presentations were followed by an hour of panel discussion which was moderated by Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir Titas, Co-Director, UIA SDG Commission with five foreign panelists from UIA SDGC Steering Committee. The foreign panelists were Ar. Natalie Mossin, Ar. Z. Erol Smith from USA, Ar. Prof. Kazuo Iwamura from Japan, Ar. Dr. Ramatu Aliyu from Nigeria and Ar. Dr. Qingqin Wang from China. President of IAB Ar. Jalal Ahmed and Ar. Marina Tabassum, Founder and Principal Architect of MTA also participated in the discussion session. ■

FIRE SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING LIVES TO DOS FOR EXISTING AND NEW BUILDINGS

Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) invited a number of eminent architects for consultation about its plan of action on the issue of fire safety in buildings on 02 April 2019. Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Ar. Mustapha Khalid Palash, Ar. Rafiq Azam, Ar. Mohammad Foyez Ullah, Ar. Ziaul Islam and Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif attended the meeting, where IAB General Secretary Ar. Nowajish Mahbub presented IAB's immediate and long term work plans. The architects also proposed some long and short term plans to engage the architect community for ensuring fire safety in both old and new part of Dhaka. It was emphasized that the approach

to make buildings compliant to fire safety codes shall have to differ for existing buildings. Followed by this proceeding, a CPD event was held on 07 April 2019. On the morning of 08 April 2019, a press conference was called for public attention. Later in the afternoon of the same day, a panel discussion with architects having expertise on fire safety issues was held at IAB Centre. The panelists were Ar. Ziaul Islam, Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif, Ar. Mustapha Khalid Palash, and Ar. Nowajish Mahbub. IAB Vice President of National Affairs Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury was the moderator of the panel discussion. ■



IAB BUILDEXPO 2019 TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2019

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BOOK YOUR STALL OR PAVILION

IAB Build-Expo 2019, the most prestigious Building Material & Technology Exposition, organized by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), is going to be launched with the forthcoming **ARCASIA Forum 20** - the largest annual gathering of Asian architects to be held during 2-4 November '19 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka.

In addition to the architects from 22 Asian countries, IAB Build-Expo 2019 will be attended by the Architects, Interior Designers, Landscape Architects, Engineers, Real Estate Developers, Constructors and the students of architecture from all over Bangladesh.

National and international brands, manufacturers, importers, distributors, sellers and resellers of building materials, products, technologies, services and software are invited to book stalls and pavilions to exhibit their products, materials and services to the highly focused audiences.

Last date of booking **31 July, 2019**
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IAB Building Material & Technology Exposition 2019, IAB BuildExpo 2019 in short, tipped to be the most prestigious annual building material exposition of the country will be held on 2-4 November 2019 simultaneously with the forthcoming ARCASIA Forum 20. ARCASIA Forum 20 is the largest annual gathering of Asian architects to be held at Dhaka during 2-7

November 2019. Besides the architects from 21 Asian countries, IAB BuildExpo 2019 and ARCASIA Forum 20 are going to be attended by architects, engineers, contractors, real estate developers, construction firms, students of architecture as well as the general public. The event will be widely publicized in the print and electronic media. Venue of the IAB

BuildExpo 2019 is the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC), Dhaka.

This annual event is going to be a great platform to showcase product/brand to the focused audience of the building industry. ■

OPEN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION: AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOWER MIDDLE INCOME GROUP



Institute of Architects Bangladesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Build Bangladesh on 24 April 2019 to organize an open architectural design competition for Affordable Housing for Lower Middle Income Group. Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, IAB and Ar-Planner Farhadur Reza Probal, President, Build Bangladesh signed on behalf of their

organizations. The signing ceremony was attended by Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Past President, IAB, Arastoo Khan, Chairperson, Advisory Board, Build Bangladesh, Meer Sajed-ul-Basher FCA, Vice President, Build Bangladesh and Mowtushi Poit, Competition Director, Build Bangladesh. IAB Vice Presidents Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury and

Ar. Ehsan Khan, General Secretary Ar. Nowajish Mahub, Treasurer Ar. Masud Ur Rashid, Secretary Profession Ar. Bayejid Mahub Khondker and Ar. Muhtadin Iqbal Competition Director, IAB attended the event. This proposed affordable housing delivery model is designed to achieve sustainable outcomes by ensuring community capacity building, life insurance, social,

community and health facilities. Some factors like land utilization, floor areas, height, building construction material, construction cost and techniques will be efficiently utilized to reduce housing unit price so that the price remains within affordable range of the target income group. This housing delivery package stands out from the rest by developing a sense of ownership and sense of belonging among the targeted communities resulting in a stronger social cohesion. A business model to ensure long run sustainability and resilience will be established for the project. The delivery mechanism will be more effective if an innovative financial model along with a social empowerment and culturally acceptable design is adopted while satisfying the relevant SDGs. The stakeholder consultations also revealed that the volume of the required units will easily attain the economies of scale. ■

AWARD GIVING CEREMONY AND UNWRAPPING THE PUBLICATION OF THE OPEN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION OF IDCOL



Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL), a financial institution owned by the government, was granted a plot in the Sher-E-Bangla Nagar administrative area, Agargaon, Dhaka by the Ministry of Housing & Public Works. IDCOL has undertaken the initiative to popularize the construction of eco-friendly and energy efficient residential/commercial buildings in Bangladesh by constructing a Green Building as its own headquarter. IDCOL plans to obtain the Platinum certification from Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) for this project. IDCOL, in association with the Institute of Architects

Bangladesh (IAB), organized an open architectural design competition in order to obtain the design of IDCOL Tower.

More than 60 architectural firms participated in the design contest where 9 best architectural designs are selected for acknowledging their effort as per the policy of IAB. The award giving ceremony was held on 5 May 2019 at IAB. Mr. A K M Nurul Fazal Bulbul, Director of IDCOL Board, handed over the prizes as the Chief Guest. Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President of IAB presided the ceremony and the Executive Director and CEO of IDCOL, Mr. Mahmood Malik delivered

the vote of thanks. Mr. S. M. Monirul Islam, Deputy CEO & CFO of IDCOL and Mr. M. Maftun Ahmed, Company Secretary of IDCOL were also present. On behalf of IAB, Ar. Bayezid Mahub Khondker, Secretary Profession, Ar. M. Wahid Asif, Competition Director were also attended.

IDCOL Tower, when implemented, will set itself as a commendable example which will encourage further constructions of eco-friendly and energy efficient Green Buildings in Bangladesh. ■

KNOW YOUR TREES

BY AR. MUSHTAQ QADRI



Architect and Naturalist Mustaque Quadry was invited to the seminar titled “know your trees” held at the IAB Centre, Dhaka on 09 April 2019.

“Know your trees” is a lecture on how to identify a tree. We all appreciate plants and trees but we cannot identify many. Trees and greens are one of the major aspects of our life, nature and environment. We, as architects, are the creators of the environment and it is necessary for us to get to know the trees and it is also our duty to acquire knowledge about their

characteristics. But we seldom wonder about how to recognize a tree. Each tree has its own unique characteristic that tells us what kind of tree it is. Only if we understand these features properly we can identify each tree. We have to pay attention to particular characteristics of each classification of trees. Ar. Quadry informs us why it is important for architects to know the trees. Ar. Quadry graduated from BUET in 1983 and is a self-taught Naturalist. He is the director of a course titled 'Trees, Flowers and Nature' at Bishwo Shahitto Kendro. He

is an Associate Architect at Domus and an Advisor for Volume Zero. For the past thirty-three years he has engaged himself in studies, discussions, nature-travel and in various activities concerning trees. The event was coordinated and moderated by Ar. M Taufiqur Rahman Khan, Secretary Seminar and Convention, IAB followed by a question answer session. At the end of the seminar Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President of IAB thanked everybody and handed the memento to the speakers. The event was powered by Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd. ■

URBAN CHOREOGRAPHY: TRANSFORMING MELBOURNE

BY KIM DOVEY



Architect and Urban designer, Professor Kim Dovey was invited to deliver a lecture and engage in a conversation session in the fourth event of IAB Lecture Series on 15 May 2019 at IAB Centre, Dhaka. On his lecture, Professor Dovey presented materials from the 2018 book 'Urban Choreography' describing the transformation of central Melbourne since the 1980s. Over this period public space has been incrementally reclaimed from cars and the functional mix has been transformed; from turning its back on the water,

Melbourne has become a waterfront city. The city has grown greener – literally, environmentally and politically. Lane ways that were once filled with garbage are now filled with bars, housing and street art. Melbourne has emerged as a city with a depth of character and urban buzz that is palpable, ineffable and unfinished. While there have been important forms of leadership and governance, the deeper lesson lies in incremental transformations that occur over the longer term. During the Q/A session Professor Kim also

talked in general terms about his experience in Dhaka. The Q/A session was moderated by Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan. Kim Dovey is a Professor of Architecture and Urban Design and the Director of Informal Urbanism Research Hub of the University of Melbourne, Australia. At the end of the seminar Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President of IAB thanked everybody and handed the memento to Mr. Dovey. Mr. Dovey donated a copy of his book in IAB library. The event was powered by Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd. ■

BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE

BY DR. REHNUMA PARVEEN

The design and material choices we make for our buildings have a significant impact on its performance. In the changed contexts of global warming, increasing price of energy and the utmost need of resource efficiency, we can no longer be oblivious about the performance of our buildings.

As part of the IAB Lecture Series, Dr. Rehnuma Parveen was invited to speak on 'Building Energy Performance' at IAB Centre, Dhaka on 25 June 2019. The aim of this presentation was to shed light on energy impact of some typical residential building design practices as well as to present practices that can be considered as the best from energy performance point of view within the contexts of Dhaka. The presentation was expected to be utilized as a knowledge sharing platform between the academia and real-world

practice.

Dr. Rehnuma Parveen, former faculty member, Department of Architecture, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), has more than 14 years of work experience as an academic and researcher. Her core research interest is in the area of building energy efficiency and low-carbon buildings as well as in building energy simulation. She completed her PhD in Architecture from The University of Adelaide in 2017.

The event was coordinated and moderated by Ar. M Taufiqur Rahman Khan, Secretary Seminar and Convention, IAB followed by a question answer session. At the end of the seminar Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President of IAB thanked everybody and handed the memento to the speaker. The event was powered by Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd. ■



A COLOUR TRILOGY IN LANDSCAPE

BY VIRAJ CHATTERJEE AND MD.FUAD ABDUL QAIUM

Architect and Landscape designer, Viraj Chatterjee and Md.Fuad Abdul Quaium were invited to deliver a lecture and engage in a conversation session in the sixth event of IAB Lecture Series on 29 June 2019 at IAB Centre, Dhaka.

A COLOUR TRILOGY IN LANDSCAPE is an attempt to create a three-part chronicle of 'land-culture' inspired design interventions viewed through three key design aspects of landscape design - waterscape, hardscape and softscape where each colour is meant to represent each of the aspects. Conceived as a set of literary design manual, the colour is further expressed in a series of chapters where primary vocabularies used in design narratives are thoughtfully expressed, articulated and curated through completed

project illustrations.

Viraj Chatterjee is the founder and design principal of ONE Landscape - an international boutique design studio that specializes in contemporary landscape architecture, urban design, public art and environmental planning in Asia with head office in Hong Kong and regional studios in India and Vietnam. Viraj is linked with Hong Kong University as an adjunct professor of Landscape Architecture.

Md.Fuad Abdul Quaium is a Community Architect, Landscape Planning & Design Consultant of GHORAMI.JON. He completed his Bachelor of Architecture from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

The event was coordinated and moderated

by Ar. M Taufiqur Rahman Khan, Secretary Seminar and Convention, IAB followed by a question answer session. At the end of the seminar Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President of IAB thanked everybody and handed the memento to the speakers. The event was powered by Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd. ■



MEANS OF EGRESS IN TERMS OF LIFE SAFETY

BY AR. DEWAN SHAMSUL ARIF

The second Continuing Professional Development Workshop on the topic 'Means of Egress in terms of life safety' was organized by Institute of Architects Bangladesh on 23 April 2019 at the Berger Seminar Hall of IAB Centre. The first CPD on the same topic was held on 7 April 2019 at same place. Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif conducted the three and half hour long workshop.

The first session of the workshop was focused on the classification of buildings according to Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC) 2006. The detail overviews to understand the Classification of Buildings on the basis of Occupancy, Occupancy Separation Rating, Fire Zone, and Building Construction Types based on Fire Resistance were discussed comprehensively. The second session was focused on "Means

of Egress" and the topic was elaborately discussed with its fire rating, number of exits, placements, capacity and all of its necessary components.

Secretary Profession of 23rd Executive Council, IAB Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker coordinated the event. 40 architects participated in the workshop. The CPD program ended with a certification giving ceremony. ■



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‘LIVE SKETCHING ON SITE...! WORKSHOP ON FREEHAND SKETCHING’

BY AR. DR. SAZID BIN DOZA

On 04 May 2019, Ar. Dr. Sazid Bin Doza conducted a CPD workshop on freehand sketching at IAB Centre, Dhaka. The workshop was designed and offered only for the members of the institute who may endeavor to resume their skills in drawings and sketching and would like to enjoy ‘Live Sketching’. Live sketching is a common activity throughout the world and through live sketching architects can attain additional values. Architect’s individual works perhaps breathes with feeling of the

place, ambience of the enclosures and scale of the street-facades. Focus was given mostly on hand drawn style by means of accompanying the drawn environs. Diary sketching and learning can contribute gathered information to uphold our glorious historic treasures in one platform.

This workshop was focused on live sketching of architectural meaning, heritage sites, lifestyle of cities and cultural patterns that could be reflected through diary/sketchpad drawings and

sketches as the initial documentation, which commenced to have a new way of presenting the antiquity as well as the lifestyle of a region in short. The two objectives of the workshop were to engage the architects to realize freehand drawing technique through ‘quick sketching’ on sites and to develop skills on synchronized artworks i.e., doing their own drawings and short writings.

Due to bad weather condition, the entire workshop had to be executed in Berger Seminar Hall

at IAB Centre. 15 fervent young architects participated in this workshop. The goal of the workshop remains same although it took place in the indoor.

Secretary Profession of 23rd Executive Council, IAB Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker coordinated the event. At the end of the workshop Ar. Nowajish Mahbub, General Secretary of IAB thanked everybody and handed the certificates to the participants. ■



IAB COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES/BOARD

SUMMARIES OF ACTIVITIES

In order to facilitate efficient, successful and inclusive operation of the Institute, the 23rd Executive Council of IAB has formed various Committees/Sub-Committees/Boards with IAB Fellows, Members and Associate Members since its official journey from January 2019. The Committees/Subcommittees usually meet once a month and submit meeting record to the Executive Council of IAB for better understanding and coordination of the activities. Initially 29

Committees/Sub-Committees has been formed, from which 25 are in full operation now and the rest will start their activities very shortly as per their predefined schedules. The initiatives and activities which have been taken so far by the Board/ Committees / Sub-committees of the 23rd Executive Council of IAB, are described below:

1. Board of Architectural Education

- As it is the highest authority regarding accreditation of different undergraduate architecture programs in Bangladesh, as per latest version of IAB constitution, the Board continuously follows up on the active role of IAB with newly formed National Accreditation Council to maintain the best interest of architects' community.
- The committee has started the process to re-visit of the existing curriculum as it is a long overdue.
- A proper documentation showing the accreditation status (accreditation receiving year,

expiration, conditional, renewal etc.) of the accredited schools is being prepared which will be maintained regularly from now on. The committee has already visited SUST and UAP for this regard.

- The committee has prescribed formats for accreditation visit schedule and report which is to be developed for compliance by the team members in future.
- The committee has prepared a pool of resource persons qualified as academicians and practicing architects for facilitating the upcoming accreditation visits.

1.1. ASIAB Review Sub-committee

- Since ASIAB (Accreditation Standards of IAB) was formulated in 2011 for starting accreditation process by IAB, it has been eight years already; so the committee has taken initiatives to review it to make it up to date and relevant. For this, the committee is also looking thoroughly at NAAB, CAA, UIA and other relevant guidelines for probable revisions of the standards.

- The sub-committee is also working on the stages of accreditation, stake of architecture students, evaluating the outcome from students, continuing the process of accreditation, goals of review, learning from self-assessment practice of IQACs, career placement policy, research and development policy, community service policy, internship etc.

1.2 Students & Teachers Affairs Sub-committee

- The sub-committee has already addressed some relevant issues which were at different times faced by concerned stake holders of Education (Teachers & Students); such as:
- To inform stakeholders regarding the formation of the committee.
- For profession-academia linkage, it has decided to arrange discourses comprising teachers, students, alumni, and professionals.

- The subcommittee has decided to meet the non- accredited architecture schools' representatives to help them to get IAB accreditation. It has also started to take initiatives for teacher-membership criteria clarification, increasing students' activities and inclusion of our students in international architecture students' organization/body.

2. CPD Management Committee

- The committee is currently reviewing the existing IAB CPD principles and guidelines.
- The committee has already prepared a yearlong calendar of CPD programs on the basis of types/categories, for example legal, regulatory and statutory compliance, procurement and contracts, sustainable architecture, inclusive environments and places, conservation and

heritage design, construction and technology, clients and services, architecture for social purpose- health, safety and wellbeing, etc.

- The committee has also prepared the draft of "CPD Service Provider Application Form".

3. MEMBERSHIP Affairs Committee

- The committee has enlisted total 243 members (37 members and 206 associate members) so far to the Institute through verifying their applications, conducting

examinations, interviewing, counseling and drawing checking.

- The committee assists Executive Council for any membership related issues.

4. Architectural Design Competition Management & EOI / RFP Monitoring Committee

- The committee has started its activities fully to organize effective competition process through proper management (client advisory & liaison maintain, competition brief & guidelines preparation, proper Jury engagement, award giving, exhibition, publication etc.) and post design implementation for upholding the spirit, dignity and well-being of the profession needful for both clients' and architects' point of view.
- The committee is monitoring EOIs/ RFPs in regular basis and trying to bring those into IAB

design competition process through proper correspondence and at the same time, looking for the scopes of new design competitions in different suitable formats.

- The committee is trying to disclose and bring into front international design competitions for both students and professionals as much as possible and to encourage more participation to it.

5. Awards Management Committee

- The committee is taking initiatives to organize successful award giving ceremonies (IAB Design Award, Berger Award, Porcelanosa Award etc.) through proper management (award brief & guidelines preparation, proper Jury engagement, exhibition, publication etc.) for

upholding the spirit, dignity and well-being of the profession.

- The committee has already appointed the Award Coordinator and Jury Members for the 9th Berger Award 2019 cycle and is looking forward to a successful award giving event.

6. CAD & BIM Standardization & Implementation Committee

- The committee will take initiatives shortly to prepare preliminary draft of CAD Standards unifying layer naming standard, file naming standard, annotation & plotting guidelines,

document formatting and sheet sets, abbreviations, cross-discipline issues etc.

7. Standard Contracts, Scale of Minimum Professionals' Fees & Salary Scales Implementation Committee

- A series of workshops will be held on Standard Contracts and Scale of Minimum Fees. The full set of IAB Standard Contract is being printed in book format for the workshop. Through

these workshops, the committee will try for faster adoption and implementation of IAB standard contracts, scale of minimum professionals' fees and salary scales of architects.

7.1 State of the Profession Survey 2019 Sub-Committee

- The sub-committee is taking initiatives to conduct a survey on the issues that indicate the

state of architects' profession and practices in Bangladesh in 2019.

8. Disciplinary Issues & Dispute Resolution Committee

- The committee has started its operation intensively and it is very much concerned to address, monitor and respond to the issues of its members related to IAB Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct. Currently a number of dispute resolution cases have been resolved and three cases are being worked upon. It has also taken initiatives to resolve the pending issues of 22nd Executive Council with utmost urgency. One such case involving misconduct

by a member during ARCASIA event in Tokyo, Japan has been completed and disciplinary action has been taken against the concerned member. One of the primary focuses of DIDRC is taking effective steps to stop signature forgery and trading in approval drawings in RAJUK, CDA, KDA and Pouro-shobhas. Extensive actions are already underway in this regard.

9. Seminars & Lectures Management Committee

- The committee is currently organizing IAB Lectures and other seminars on a regular basis.
- The committee has already prepared a yearlong calendar of lectures and seminars on

different subjects and topics.

10. Building Materials & Construction Technology Exhibition Organizing Committee

- The committee has started its initiatives fully to raise fund for IAB activities. It will organize a bigger expo (IAB Build Expo 2019) with the participants from home and abroad on 2-4 November at BICC with the ARCASIA FORUM 20 event. It is trying earnestly to make an

effective and collaborative platform for architects and building construction stakeholders to reach the current trend of materials and technology in the world.

11. Heritage Practice & Policy Formulation Committee

- The committee has started its activities to ensure the active role of IAB to update existing

regulations, acts and guidelines regarding conservation of heritage sites in Bangladesh.

12. Heritage Education, Awareness & Research (HEAR) Committee

- The committee is trying to raise awareness on heritage issues among architects by disseminating information related to heritage and conservation. The committee has taken initiative for online IAB Heritage Bulletin which is being circulated via Facebook, Email, IAB website, social media etc.
- The committee is trying to improve the existing situation of enlistment of heritage sites, documentation, and conservation etc. The committee has also prepared the first draft of the operational guidelines for the inscription of heritage sites in the IAB heritage list.
- The committee has visited Jahaj Bari site on 8 June 2019 and as a follow up action, it sent

letters to the relevant ministries to inform the concern of IAB.

- The committee has decided to take part at the "Open Heritage Day" which will be organized in joint collaboration with different partners like Goethe Institute, British Council, European Union and Spanish Embassy.
- The committee has also decided to organize a discussion session with the representatives from different architecture school in Bangladesh to develop courses and programs on heritage and conservation in the academic curriculum through exchange of views, discussion and dialogue.

13. Environment and Urbanization Awareness Development Committee

- The committee aims to take initiatives to organize lectures, training, workshop and design competitions to grow green building awareness among architects with particular focus to environment, urbanization, physical infrastructure and landscape preservation and development.
- The committee aims to share knowledge and experiences among architects about making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable to attain the

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). It will try to create scope for architect in developing physical environment of cities.

- The committee will organize a workshop to generate ideas for urban environment improvement applicable in short term within the capacity of the Mayor.
- The committee will guide studio in accredited universities specifically focusing on urban development issues.

14. Green and Sustainable Built Environment Committee

- The committee aims to pose IAB in a lead role in enforcing energy rating tool for building evaluation in national context. Towards this goal it attempts to set a definitive role of IAB in finalization and implementation of an appropriate Green Rating System for buildings in Bangladesh. Committee intends to be engaged in extending awareness and guidance among IAB members towards an energy efficient building design endeavor.
- To disseminate the knowledge of green and sustainability, the committee will try to arrange exhibitions with special focus to green and sustainable building materials.
- It also intends to organize two (2) Seminars in next two years' time describing the works of architects who worked towards this goal, one in January 2020 and another by the end of 2020.
- Committee will prepare a list of experts, who can extend services towards energy saving of buildings for IAB website.
- The committee is reviewing the currently developed Green Building Rating System 'BEER'

prepared by Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA), GoB; and trying to summarize the fundamental issues of LEED.

- The Committee is exploring possibility of setting a framework to involve IAB with 'Bangladesh Green Building Council' [BGBC] towards achieving green and sustainability in the built environment.
- It helped Seminar Presentation Committee to organize a seminar titled 'Building Energy Performance: Best Practices for Dhaka City Buildings' on 25 June 2019 at IAB Center.
- The committee contributed in preparing the Country paper for the round table of ARCASIA Committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture (ACGSA) in Jaipur, 26-28 July.
- Committee is administering the selection process for Project Nomination for GREEN AsiARCH 2019, an Exhibition of Architectural Practice of ARCASIA Member Institutes focusing GREEN & SUSTAIBALE Issues, in print media mode during 5th-7th November 2019 at Dhaka.

15. Pourashava, City Corp. & Upazila Bldg. Plan Approval Monitoring Committee

- The committee is trying to implement 1996 Bidhimala properly, to include Mayor Association of Bangladesh (MAB) and to put more emphasis on the implementation phase

(supervision & as-built drawings).

16. Printing & Publications Committee

- The committee is trying earnestly to produce befitting graphics for different events and publications. It ensures quality proof reading, editing, and printings.
- The committee collects photographs of different events for publication and publicity and collects samples of different publishing materials.

- The committee is currently working on publication of two books- IAB Architectural Practice Profiles 2020 and IAB Standard Contract Agreements besides regular publication of IAB Newsletter.

17. Cultural Affairs Committee

- The committee is trying to play proactive role at IAB through promoting cultural and social activities of architects and students of architecture. The committee has purchased musical

instruments for IAB and organized a successful cultural program on Independence Day, 26 March 2019.

18. Sports Activities Committee

- The committee is playing proactive role at IAB through promoting sports and other activities. It has worked on the IAB Indoor games management system, fees structure, membership system, infrastructure support etc. It has prepared yearlong sports event calendar and other sports related activities.

- The committee has proposed "ARCHITECTS ASIA CUP INDOOR GAMES FESTIVAL 2019", an indoor games tournament along with ARCASIA program. The committee is trying to prepare a guideline, event chart and schedule for the event. Probable date & budget for inter institute tournament & indoor games fest are being prepared too.

19. IAB Centre Facilities Development Committee

- The committee is constantly trying to develop IAB Centre facilities. It sits for meeting frequently and takes initiatives to the urgent need basis. Keeping ARCASIA Council Meeting in mind, the committee has taken some initiatives for IAB Centre's development. The existing roofing materials are being replaced with new profiles and slight modification of southern side roof angle for rainwater drainage consideration and rust protection.
- The electrical, plumbing, HVAC works are being taken care of regularly. The acoustic and

lighting solution has been considered for the multipurpose hall and seminar rooms.

- To increase the current storage facilities, a new block has been built on the southern side of the building with extended kitchen facilities. The existing water body is being repaired with extra care to protect mosquito breeding.
- The committee has taken initiatives to facilitate the existing library space for the members and to reorganize the current lounge space with proper sitting area and a café service.

20. RAJUK, CDA, KDA, RDA & CoxDA Liaison Committee

- The operation, monitoring and liaison activities are being done by the Executive Council directly.
- Clarification on the intent and interpretation of "Imarot Nirman Bidhimala" and communicating with KDA, RDA, CoxDA on issues like annual registration system are also

being done by the EC.

- The committee is also planning for workshops for similar understanding of code between government, peoples & the professionals.

21. Social Responsibility Committee

- The committee is trying to set the definition and identify the role of IAB in extending awareness and guidance among its members towards the Social responsibility endeavor in Bangladesh.
- The committee is trying to prepare an inventory of social responsibility works performed by architects in Bangladesh to recognize those and to inspire the community towards the goal. It will conduct a survey to identify relevant works. Committee will showcase and

promote socially responsible works to create awareness and to engage more architects for building better Bangladesh.

- As a demonstration project committee started working on fire safety and public health issues in two old buildings which had been built before 1996 Imarat Nirman Bidhimala. One in Mitford Hospital and other one is Noor Mansion, Gausia market.

22. International Relations Committee

- The committee is trying to create leadership in the dialogue of international forums like ARCASIA, CAA, UIA etc. and to organize discourses between invited international architects and local architects and thinkers.

- The committee is trying to organize architect members to participate in international design competitions and award programs and trying to take initiatives to encourage local architect members to do research on architecture and built environment.

IAB REQUESTS ACCREDITED SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE TEACHING OF FIRE SAFETY IN CURRICULUM

On 01 April 2019, the Executive Council of IAB appealed to all the institutions offering Bachelors of Architecture (B.Arch.) program to include teachings on "Fire Safety in Buildings" in their curriculum. The letters were addressed to the Heads of the Departments of Architecture of each institution and copies of the issued letters were also forwarded to the Honorable Minister and Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Chairman of the

University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh and Chairperson of the Board of Architectural Education, IAB.

In response to the FR Tower fire incident and other unfortunate series of deadly fire accidents in the country, IAB had released a press briefing and discussed many long and short term interventions to prevent such accidents in the future. One of the long term recommendations was to include proper teachings on "Fire Safety in Buildings" in the

Bachelors of Architecture curriculum to ensure making of conscious future architects. IAB believes that proper teaching and training on this important topic and its practical implementation in the field of architecture will help architects in improving fire safety in buildings designed by them. In the issued letter, IAB also expressed interest to extend cooperation and support in providing every kind of assistance or resource person in this regard to all the schools of architecture of Bangladesh. ■

PRESS CONFERENCE ON 'FIRE SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING LIVES: TO DOS FOR EXISTING AND NEW BUILDINGS'

The devastating fire at Faruk Rupayan Tower in Banani was one of the latest fires in Dhaka that left 27 individuals dead. Following this shocking event, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) arranged a two hour long press conference on 'Fire Safety and Safeguarding Lives: To Do for Buildings' at IAB Center on April 8, 2019. As one of the key professional bodies in the building design and construction sector, the IAB proposed a number of short-term and long-term recommendations in the press conference. Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President of IAB followed by past president Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, eminent architects Ar. Mustapha Khalid Palash, Ar. Rafiq Azam, Ar. Iqbal Habib, Ar. Ehsan Khan, Ar. Mohammad Foyez Ullah placed their speeches on media. Vice President (National Relation) Mamnoon

Murshed Chowdhury moderated the press conference. Journalists from well-known print and electronic media were invited to the conference. The following suggestions were made at the conference -

Short-term Recommendation:

- Retrofitting the hazardous buildings to ensure safeguard of lives
- Approval and proper implementation of the updated BNBC in the building construction sector
- Building Occupancy Certificate should be compulsory for existing buildings already constructed
- Nagar Unnayan Committee should act as an efficient team to ensure the proper implementation of laws/regulations in the building construction sector

- Strengthen RAJUK's regulatory operations in the design and construction of buildings
- Authentication of necessary fire ratings for interior design construction products

Long-term Recommendation:

- Zero tolerance against corruptions in the government organizations related to fire safety and security
- To enhance the public awareness of fire safety and security, IAB suggested the incorporation of this issue in the curriculum of schooling at school and university level
- In order to create fire safety associated professionals, the relevant professional bodies should organize the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Workshop on a periodic basis. ■

IAB APPEALS NBR TO REDUCE AIT AND VAT ON ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) conveyed a formal letter to the Senior Secretary of Internal Resources Department (IRD) and the Chairman of National Board of Revenue (NBR) of Ministry of Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Mr. Md. Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, on 07 April 2019, requesting revision of AIT and VAT rates on Architectural Services from next fiscal year. The government enacted the law on the national budget, to be effective from 01 July 2019, to have 3 different VAT rates i.e. 5% [Five Percent], 7% [Seven Percent] & 10% [Ten Percent] on different services and goods apart from the standard VAT rate i.e.

existing 15% [Fifteen Percent]. For architectural services the existing VAT rate is 15% [Fifteen percent] and AIT rate is 10% - 12% [Ten-Twelve percent]. The letter issued elaborates how these rates had a detrimental effect on the growth of the profession in the past, as clients around the country are mainly from middle-income groups having limited resources and thereof, often reluctant to pay AIT and VAT due to high rates. IAB plead for the VAT and AIT rates on professional services like architectural consultancy, to be on the lowest tier i.e. 5% [Five Percent] on the invoiced amount to encourage the people to pay the VAT and AIT, while obtaining

architects' services.

IAB believes that the impact of reduction in the existing AIT and VAT rates for architectural services will not have any significant impact on the national budget, but will have a tremendous impact on the use of architect's services around the country by the general people, thereby ensuring increased revenue collection and employment generation in this sector. IAB also assured to extend full cooperation towards NBR in increasing the Government's revenue collection by encouraging all the member of IAB to have TIN and VAT Registration. ■

RAJUK CONSULTANT TECHNOHAVEN PRESENTS ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS AT IAB

A delegation from Technohaven Company Limited led by its Managing Director, Mr. Habibullah N. Karim and his team had a meeting with 23rd Executive Council, IAB led by its President Ar. Jalal Ahmed on 12 May 2019 at IAB Centre to discuss online submissions of RAJUK approval drawings to RAJUK online Portal. The IAB team

proposed an amalgamation to make IAB portal integrated to RAJUK portal, which is developed and managed by Technohaven Company Limited, to reduce forgery and to prevent signature trading. The IAB delegation included Past President Ar. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, Vice President Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, Secretary

Profession Ar. Bayejid Mahub Khondker, Secretary Membership Ar. Tofayel Md. Sarower, Secretary Publication and Publicity Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud, Former EC Member Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif and IT consultant of IAB Portal Mr. Muzahid. The two parties have decided to have more discussions on the issue in future. ■

IAB ASSISTS MOHPW TO FINALIZE THE DEAL WITH THE WINNER OF THE NAGASAKI PEACE PARK MONUMENT DESIGN

For finalizing the remuneration of the principal designer of the monument to be built at Nagasaki Peace Park at Japan including the total cost of construction and installation of the monument, a meeting was called by the Special Committee on 25 June 2019. The meeting was held in IAB Centre, Dhaka. The Specialized Committee was formed on 08 May 2019 by Govt. of Bangladesh with the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Public Works Mr. Md. Akhter Hossain as Chair. The committee included Ar. Jalal Ahmed as Convener, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, Prof. Md. Hamiduzzaman Khan, Prof. Nisar Hossain,

Engr. Sheikh Tajul Islam Tuhin, Ar. Nasrin Hossain as members and Ar. A.S.M. Aminur Rahman as Member Secretary. Ar. Anindya Pandit, the designer of the monument, was the invited guest.

After an elaborate discussion and negotiation, the honorarium of Ar. Pandit was determined as per standard fee of an eminent international sculptor and the payable amount will be excluded of all kinds of taxes. The committee also decided upon the maximum number of site visits of Ar. Pandit during construction period and that the travel expenses will be supported by the

Government of Bangladesh. The final suggestion was made to include Ar. Anindya Pandit's name on the sculpture plate at Nagasaki Peace Park. ■



IAB PROTESTS DEMOLITION OF JAHAJ BARI IN OLD DHAKA: HEAR TEAM VISITS SITE

On 23 June 2019, IAB expressed its protest and concern to the government through separate letters addressed to the Honourable Chief Justice of Bangladesh Syed Mahmud Hossain, Minister for Housing and Public Works S.M. Rezaul Karim, M.P, State Minister for Cultural Affairs K.M Khalid, M.P, Mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation Mohammad Sayeed Khokon, Inspector General of Bangladesh Police Dr. Mohammad Javed Patwary and Chairman of RAJUK Dr. Sultan Ahmed regarding the demolition of historic Jagaj Bari

in Old Dhaka , violating the directives of High Court. In the letters, IAB condemned the demolition work of other historic buildings all over the country. IAB also emphasized on the credible enlistment of historic buildings and inclusion of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) in the BNBC. It may be mentioned that Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain , Ar. Anindya Pandit, Ar. M Taufiqur Rahman Khan and Ar. Reesham Shahab of Heritage Education, Awareness & Research (HEAR) Committee, visited the site of the demolished Jahaj Bari

immediately after the demolition and duly reported to the Executive Council of IAB to take necessary steps in this regard.

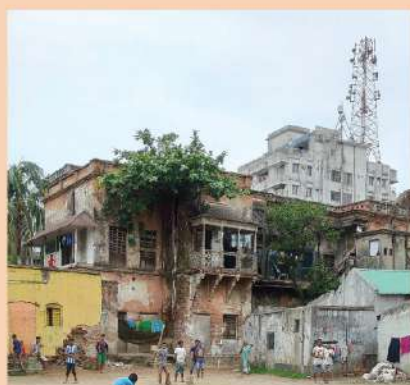
The 19th century's edifice of old Dhaka was demolished at the night of Eid-ul-Fitr 2019. The historic Jahaj Bari carried important testimonies of the 19th century's commercial building in the Old city. However, the building was also important to sustain the value defining attributes of the heritage city. ■



NETWORKING WITH DIFFERENT ACTORS AND STAKEHOLDERS FOR PARTNERSHIP BASED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION

IAB has taken initiative to establish strong networks with different actors and stakeholders for partnership based activities related to heritage and conservation. As a part of this initiative Heritage Education, Awareness & Research (HEAR) Committee of IAB has started working closely as one of the partners of the 'Open Heritage Day, 2019'. The other partners of the event are Alliance Francaise, British Council, Spanish Embassy, European Union, etc. On May 24, 2019 Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage and Culture of IAB along with the representatives from the partner-organizations visited number of heritage sites in Old Dhaka to select suitable venue for the Open Heritage Day,

2019. The visiting team also discussed with the present owners and users of the heritage buildings to make the building accessible for public during the event. ■



IAB ADOPTS NEW POLICY TO MAKE HERITAGE BULLETIN MORE INCLUSIVE AND PARTICIPATORY FOR MEMBERS

IAB adopted a new policy to open windows for its members to contribute articles for IAB Heritage Bulletin. On 20 June 2019, through an open call, IAB invited its respected members to contribute heritage related news for the 2nd issue of the bulletin and already received significant response from its members who has submitted a number of valuable articles related to heritage issues. Therefore, the bulletin has become a more inclusive platform not only to ensure active participation of IAB members but also to raise strong awareness in the field of heritage and conservation. ■



IAB PREPARES DRAFT OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR CREDIBLE AND INCLUSIVE HERITAGE LISTING

Due to lack of any comprehensive guidelines for Heritage listing at National level, Bangladesh still struggles to ensure a credible and inclusive database of heritage sites. As a result when heritage buildings like Khamar Bari, Jahaj Bari, and Abu Sina Hostel etc. were demolished in the recent past, stakeholders couldn't act much as none of those historic structures were nationally enlisted as a heritage site. Therefore, understanding the necessity of a

credible and inclusive heritage list, IAB has taken an initiative to adopt a comprehensive guidelines for Heritage listing.

The HEAR Committee at their 2nd meeting on 11 June 2019, proposed a draft Operational Guidelines aiming to facilitate the Protection of the Heritage sites in Bangladesh, by setting forth the procedure for the inscription of properties in the Heritage List. The entire process for the

inscription of the heritage properties has two major stages - a. Nomination b. Evaluation. For a more participatory nomination anyone can propose a heritage site for inscription by submitting the duly completed Nomination Form. On 18 June 2019, the 23rd Executive Council of IAB at their 11th EC meeting, already approved the draft to proceed further. ■

AR. DR. SAYEED WINS 3RD PRIZE IN BAKU INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE AWARD

Former President of Institute of Architects Bangladesh Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed was awarded 3rd Prize in 4th Baku International Award for Architecture 2019 on 12 June 2019 for his publication "Mosque Architecture in Bangladesh" in the category of 'Best Publication in the Field of the Use of Historical Heritage for Tourism Purposes'. The other two winners from the same category were 'Main principles of Research, Preservation and Restoration of Architectural Memorials' by Toufiq Shakihanov (Azerbaijan) and 'The Maiden Tower of Baku by Qiyasi Jafar (Azerbaijan).

The open, biennial award, organized by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Union of Architects of Azerbaijan, is endorsed by the International Union of Architects (UIA). The Award recognizes projects, both theoretical and completed, that exemplify excellent design practices and responsible planning, design and development.

This 2019 edition of the Award was especially significant because it was organized in conjunction with the UIA International Forum, "Mass Tourism in Historic Cities," which took place in Baku from 7-9 June 2019. In keeping with the themes of the Forum, the Fourth Baku International Award focused on facilities for accommodating tourists, the development, protection and preservation of cultural heritage sites, and the rehabilitation of existing buildings and sites for the purposes of tourism.

The International Jury, chaired by UIA Past President Vassilis Sgoutas (Greece), was composed of Esa Mohamed (Malaysia), UIA Immediate Past President, Catherine Jacquot (France), Immediate Past President of CNOA, Vity Nsalambi (Angola), Chair of the Education Commission of the Africa Union of Architects and Elbay Gasimzada (France), Chairman of the Union of Architects of Azerbaijan. The jury awarded prizes in the following 6 categories:

- A - Best implemented project in the architecture of tourist facilities
- B - Best project undertaken in the field of rehabilitation and reconstruction of historic buildings and sites
- C - Best implemented restoration of historic interiors
- D - Best implemented rehabilitation of a site in the field of landscape architecture
- E - Best project in the field of restoration and reconstruction of buildings
- F - Best publication in the field of the use of historical heritage for tourism purposes

Dr. Ahmed also presented a lecture titled "Opportunities and Challenges of Conservation Practice in Bangladesh" in the seminar of UIA WP of Cultural Heritage and Identity on 10 June 2019 at Baku. Papers were also presented from Egypt, Ireland, Hong Kong, Russia, Poland, UNESCO, ICOMOS, Korea, and Czech Republic. ■

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INAUGURATION OF BERGER SEMINAR HALL AND MOU SIGNING CEREMONY AT IAB CENTRE

The inauguration of Berger Seminar Hall of IAB Centre and MoU Signing Ceremony for sponsorship of IAB Lecture Series between Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd. and Institute of Architects Bangladesh took place on 4 April 2019 at IAB Centre. The Berger Seminar Hall was inaugurated jointly by Ms. Rupali Chowdhury, Managing Director,

BPBL, Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, IAB and the honorable Past Presidents of IAB Ar. Shah Alam Zahiruddin, Ar. Shamsul Wares, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed and Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir. After inauguration, Ar. Taufique Rahman Khan, Secretary Seminar, IAB, conducted a short session where the eminent

personalities spoke briefly to commemorate the happy occasion. The MoU for sponsorship of IAB Lecture Series was signed between Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd. and Institute of Architects Bangladesh. Mr. Mohsin Habib Chowdhury, Sr. General Manager, BPBL and Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, Vice President - National Affairs,

IAB signed on behalf of the respective organizations. Under this MoU, BPBL will sponsor one lecture event per month for the next two years. At the end of the ceremony, Ar. Jalal Ahmed presented a crest to Ms. Rupali Chowdhury on behalf of IAB as a token of appreciation. ■



JICA DELEGATES VISIT IAB

A delegation from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) led by Mr. Yamamoto Koichiro, Deputy Director, Team 2 Urban and Regional Development Group, Infrastructure and Peace building Department, had a meeting with Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, IAB on 15 April 2019 at IAB Centre, Dhaka. The discussion was held on how IAB can play a significant role in JICA's "Project on improvement of design and construction quality for resilience of private buildings". Target group of this project might be the staff members of RAJUK's HQs and regional offices, relevant organizations who are involved in the projects and pilot projects. The other JICA members were Mr. Takumi Tsuchiya, Representative, (Disaster Risk Reduction) and Mr. Anisuzzaman Chowdhury, Program Manager (Social Development



Sector). IAB delegation included Ar. Nowajish Mahbub, Ar. Masud Ur Rashid and Ar. Dr. Farida Nilufar. ■

IAB RECRUITS COORDINATOR FOR ARCASIA FORUM 2019

As per decision of Executive Council and Convener of ARCASIA Forum 20, Ar. Alvi Muhtasim was recruited as a Coordinator to coordinate the official correspondence and other related tasks to organize ARCASIA Forum 20. In response to vacancy circulation, 32 applicants were selected for written test among 67 applicants. Considering the result of written test, 8 candidates were selected for the interview. Ar. Muhtasim was selected by the board. He joined on 01 July 2019. ■



WE DEEPLY MOURN...

IAB deeply mourns on the demises of Ar. Reza and Ar. Iqbal.

IAB Fellow, Prof. Mir Ashrafur Reza R-012 (Chairman, Department of Architecture, Stamford University Bangladesh) breathed his last on 26 May 2019. He graduated from BUET in 1976.

IAB Fellow, A K M Iqbal (I-021) breathed his last on 20 June 2019 at LabAid Hospital, Dhaka. He graduated from BUET in 1981.



INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF 9TH CHATTOGRAM CHAPTER COMMITTEE, IAB

The Installation ceremony of 9th Chapter Committee and Farewell to the outgoing 8th Chapter Committee of IAB, Chattogram Chapter took place on 5 April 2019 at the auditorium of Engineers' Institution Bangladesh, Chattogram. Mr. Abdus Salam, Honorable Chairman of Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President of IAB, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, Immediate Past President of IAB and Ar. Mubassar Hussain, Past President of IAB were also present in the ceremony as Special Guests with the 23rd Executive Council delegates.

Ar. Ahmed Zinnur Choudhury, Ar. Mong Then Hen, Ar. Zarina Hossain, Ar. Sohel M. Shakur, Ar. Md. Shahinul Islam Khan, Ar. Nazma Suraiya Khan and many more architects and students were also present in the joyous event. The event was conducted by Ar. Sara Binte Haq. In this

context, it can be added that on 7 December 2018, the election of IAB Chattogram Chapter was held at the Chapter Office where on the same time, the Bi-Annual General Meeting and the 23rd Executive Council Election took place in the delightful environment of a day long program at IAB Centre, Agargaon, Dhaka.

The ceremony was divided into two parts. The first part was Farewell to the outgoing 8th Chapter Committee and Installation and Oath taking ceremony of 9th Chapter Committee. The second part was a delightful cultural event followed by a dinner. The Chief Guest handed over crests to the Members of the 8th Chapter Committee. After that, Installation and Oath taking ceremony of the Members of 9th Chapter Committee took place where Mr. Abdus Salam presented Uttorio (stoles) to them. Later an official photo session took place on the stage.

The members of the 9th chapter committee are Ar. NajmulLatif (Suhayl)-Chairman, Ar. Faruk Ahmed-General Secretary, Ar. Fazole Imran Chowdhury-Treasurer, Ar. Bijoy Shankar Talukder-Member Seminar, Ar. Mohammad Asaduzzaman Chowdhury-Member Profession, Ar. Anjumanara Begum (Sonali)-Member Culture, Ar. Md. GolamRabbani Chowdhury-Member Publication, Ar. HossanMurad-Member Membership, Ar. Md. Mustiafiz Al-Mamun-Member Education.

Chairman of 9th Chapter Committee, Special Guests and the Chief Guest delivered their valuable speeches. Chief Guest expressed his thanks to the past Committee and gave assurance of his full support to the new committee. Afterwards the mementos of the ceremony were handed over to the Chief Guest Mr. Abdus Salam and the Special Guests Ar. Jalal Ahmed,

Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir and Ar. Mubassar Hussain. The session was concluded with vote of thanks by Ar. Faruk Ahmed, General Secretary of 9th Chapter Committee.

The cultural session had great performances by the artists. The event concluded with a splendid chorus performance by the architects with their children, the Chief Guest and the Special Guests on the stage singing "Aguner Poroshmoni Chhoao Prane" with candles. This event was followed by a grand traditional dinner.

The whole event was sponsored by KSRM (as Platinum Sponsor), Confidence Cement Ltd. (as Gold Sponsor), Mirpur and Khadim Ceramics Ltd., PMG (as Silver Sponsor), Sheltech Ceramics Ltd., CEM Group & Royal Cement Ltd. (as Bronze Sponsor). ■



Oath taking ceremony of the 9th Chattogram chapter committee, IAB

From left to right, upper layer: Ar. Md. Golam Rabbani Chowdhury- Member Publication, Ar. Fazole Imran Chowdhury- Treasurer, Ar. Mohammad Asaduzzaman Chowdhury- Member Profession, Ar. Anjuman ara Begum (Sonali)-Member Culture, Ar. Md. Mustiafiz Al-Mamun- Member Education, Ar. Bijoy Shankar Talukder- Member Seminar, Ar. Hossan Murad-Member Membership

From left to right, lower layer: Ar. Faruk Ahmed- General Secretary, Ar. Najmul Latif (Suhayl)- Chairman, 9th Chattogram chapter committee, IAB, Mr. Abdus Salam, Chairman, Chattogram Development Authority (CDA), Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, Immediate Past President, Ar. Mubassar Hussain, Past President of IAB



MEETINGS ON “CDA BUILDING APPROVAL AUTOMATION SYSTEM” WITH CHATTOGRAM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA)

Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) has recently introduced “Building Approval Automation System” to meet the new reduced timeline for Land Use Clearance (LUC), Special Project Clearance & Building Approval. To receive active feedback and share ideas with professionals and architects on this issue, a total of four meetings on “CDA Building Approval Automation system” with CDA were held respectively on 29 April, 19 May, 22 May and 04 September 2019 at the conference room of CD A& IAB Chattogram Chapter Office, with the active presence of architects community of IAB Chattogram Chapter. The delegates from IAB was led by General Secretary Ar. Faruk Ahmed, IAB Chattogram Chapter and included President of IAB Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Chairman of IAB Chattogram Chapter Ar. Najmul Latif, along with respected practicing architects and other chapter committee members of the former meetings. The delegates from CDA who participated the

meetings were Honorable CDA Chairman Md. Zahirul Alam Dubash, CDA Board Member Ar. Ashik Imran, CDA Chief Town Planner Ar. Shahinul Islam Khan, CDA secretary Ms. Tahera Ferdous, CDA Chief Engineer Mr. Kazi Hasan Bin Shams, Authorized Officer Engineer Mr. Monjur Hasan and Engineer Mr. Md. Shamim, System Analyst Engineer Mr. Mostafa Jamal, Senior Architect Md. Golam Rabbani and other BIDA delegates.

As the second fastest growing city of the country, Chattogram’s development and urbanization is tremendous in recent years. The authorities and service provider are not capable to cope with the rapid development with their existing resources and manpower, resulting the unplanned city exploitation.

As the building approval authority, CDA failed several times to meet the schedule of approval, therefore, it is going down in the ratio of

development indicator. For “ease of doing business”, promoted by ‘BIDA’, CDA and other authorities are restricted to serve online and within minimum time limit. CDA promises the system to be completely online based by the end of this year and has started taking online application first. Delivery time has been reduced from 120 days to 50 days for complete building approval.

In two of the meetings, IAB with practicing architects present in CDA with System Analyst of CDA Mr. Mostafa Jamal introduced the website of the system properly to all the architects at IAB chapter office.

Secretary Ar. Faruk Ahmed was invited in front of BIDA delegates in CDA to share his experience of the system. He shared his views and addressed some problems in front the committee. IAB Chattogram was fortunate to get President Ar. Jalal Ahmed on the last meeting in CDA in the presence of the Chairman of CDA Mr.

Zahirul Alam Dubash.

In these four meetings, IAB shared several ideas and discussed plans for smooth approval service that will benefit the receiver as well the architects in the profession. Following interventions are considered by CDA for application at the earliest:

- Architects’ active participation in building monitor regularly.
- Joint Workshop for Building inspectors, Approval authority and professionals.
- Start a “Professional Profile” in CDA and co-ordinate it with CDA website.
- Placing Architect’s email ID in Drawing Sheets.
- Serving the projects’ data submitted to the architects, immediately as per demand.

As these meetings were successful for both professionals and CDA, IAB believes this will enrich the relationship between them and would reduce the existing communication gap. ■



IAB PARTICIPATES THE MEETING ON ‘VIEW EXCHANGE ON RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROFESSIONALS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ON FIRE PROTECTION FOR BUILDINGS OF CHATTOGRAM CITY’ AND ‘CDA SERVICE WEEK’

On 15 April 2019, IAB 9th Chapter committee Chairman, Ar. Najmul Latif, attended a very important meeting organized by the “Chattogram City Corporation” on ‘the responsibilities of the professionals and civil society on fire protection for buildings of Chattogram city’ in response to the recent devastating fire accidents at Dhaka.

Participants from most of the

departments and professional bodies attended the meeting, including Chattogram Development Authority (CDA), Fire service and Civil defense, Department of Environment, WASA, PDB, Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) and Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) etc.

Professionals and service wings representatives shared their views on current conditions, fire

fighting capacity, awareness to the society and Long-short term planning to prevent fire accidents and rescue.

IAB Chapter Chairman Ar. Najmul Latif strongly supported the initiative and promised IAB’s assistance.

Ar. Faruk Ahmed, General Secretary visited Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) organized ‘Service Week’ held

on 23-27 June 2019 at CDA premise. CDA showcased their services openly for the service receiver and introduced them the newly started Building Automation System for Land & building approval. Ar. Faruk appreciated the initiative and encouraged more open, transparent services for the recipients. ■

EDITOR'S NOTE



Dear Readers,

Welcome to our second issue of this year. Thanks to everybody who took the time to share their praise for the 1st issue of the IAB newsletter. The Executive Council is delighted to learn that it was well received by the members and is thrilled that the presentation of the newsletter matches the quality of the content produced by our members.

This second issue highlights some showcase events and activities of IAB and its Chattogram Chapter from the month of April to June 2019 giving emphasis on international affairs and relationship, such as, hosting the 2nd ARCASIA OB/Chairs' Meeting and Dhaka Declaration by UIA, ARCASIA and IAB on SDG and holding seminars on the same issue. The fire safety issue was followed by a number of seminars, CPD events, press conference elaborately for raising awareness and IAB also addressed the schools offering Bachelors of Architecture program for the inclusion and teaching of fire safety in buildings in the B.Arch. Curriculum.

This Newsletter also focuses on the regular events like design completions, seminars and CPD workshops which were hosted by IAB. The news section also holds special addition of heritage news and also acknowledges the honor brought upon by Past President of IAB Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed by winning the 3rd Prize on the category of 'Best publication in the field of the use of historical heritage for tourism purposes' in Baku International Architecture Award.

We are deeply saddened by the passing away of two of our fellow members Ar. Prof. Mir Ashrafur Reza and Ar. A. K. M. Iqbal who have contributed greatly to our academic and professional arena.

On behalf of the editorial board, I would like to express sincere gratitude to all Executive Council members, contributors, IAB officials and the Printing and Publication Committee for their continuous support and contribution. I would also acknowledge 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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