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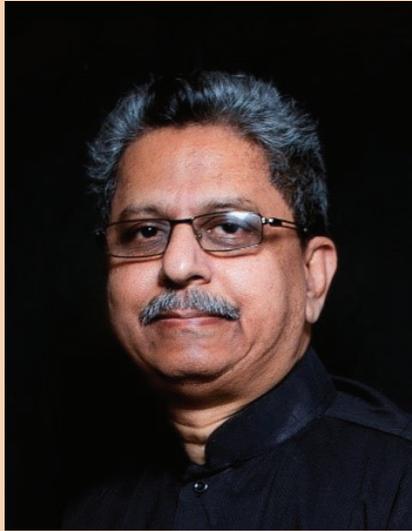
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## Ar. Rabiul Husain

31 Jan 1943 - 26 Nov 2019



## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



### REMEMBERING AN ARCHITECT AND A POET

Rabiul Husain an architect, poet, artist and a cultural activist was born in 1943.

When he used to meet me, he often told me that since he could draw very well, his high school friend late Dr. Fazle Rabbi a mechanical engineer, who also happens to be my maternal uncle, inspired him to study architecture at the newly established architecture department of the then only technical university EPUET (now BUET) of the erstwhile East Pakistan. He lost his father at the early age. Since he was the eldest son, he had to shoulder the responsibility of the family and took a part-time job as a student to meet the educational expenses of all his nine siblings. He began his architecture career as a student at Vastukalabid, the practice of the late maestro Ar. Muzharul Islam. When Muzharul Islam joined the liberation war and went to India, in his absence, Ar. Rabiul Husain and Prof. Shamsul Wares were managing some of Islam's major projects. As a young student and a cultural activist, he initiated a radical journal called "Na" meaning "No" as a protest against the societal, cultural and political norms. After the liberation of the country, Ar. Rabiul with few other architect friends started an architectural practice named "Grihakantipit". Later in 1975. He joined Shaheedullah and Associates Ltd. as a director. He continued as a director of the Shaheedullah and Associates Ltd till his death.

In 1987, he wrote a book on architecture titled "Bangladesher Sthapatya Shongskriti" meaning "Architecture Culture of Bangladesh". This was probably the first book on vernacular architecture of the country

written in Bangla by a Bangladeshi architect. He was also one of the founders and an active member of the architecture movement called "CHETANA" meaning consciousness.

Among his notable architectural works are "Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council" or BARC Building and "Khamar Bari" complex" at Farmgate, Dhaka and numerous buildings under the ministry of agriculture and the ministry of education all across Bangladesh, including the polytechnic institutes in Khulna and Chittagong. One of his recent favorite projects was a small visitor interpretation center on a killing field of the Liberation War at Mirpur, Dhaka. Last year, he took me to show this project and I found him to be very much emotionally attached with it.

He was fondly known as Robi da or brother Robi to many of us and also in the cultural field. For his amiable and warm personality, he had many friends and followers across Bangladesh, as well in many other countries. He was a founder and the President of IAB for four times, President of SAARCH, Vice-Chairman of ARCASIA and the CAA.

He received the Berger Lifetime Achievement Awards in 2013 and IAB Gold Medal in 2016 for his outstanding contribution in the field of architecture. Along with architecture, he was equally active in the cultural arena of the country. He was the President of the national poets' guild "Jatiyo Kabita Parishad" and one of the initiators of the National Poetry Festival. He received the "Ekushey Padak" in 2018 and the "Bangla Academy Awards" in 2009 for his poetry and literature. He was involved in many organizations. Notable among them, he was one of the trustees of the "Bangabandhu Memorial Trust" and the "Liberation War Museum".

Rabiul Husain breathed his last in a hospital in Dhaka on 26 November, 2019 and left behind his only son Robin, siblings, many friends and well-wishers.

After late Sthapatyacharja Muzharul Islam, Rabiul Husain was the lighthouse for all of us who played a pivotal role in the development of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). His untimely demise is an

irreparable loss for the architecture as well as the cultural community of the country. Before burial, Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina came to pay her last respect to him. A condolence book was opened at IAB and his dead body was brought to IAB Centre for the members to pay their last respect. He was finally laid to rest at the Martyred Intellectuals Graveyard, Mirpur.

On 16th December, 2019, IAB organized a condolence meet to pay tribute to this eminent architect, poet, artist and cultural activist, which was attended by architects, eminent cultural personalities, friends and family. Liberation War Museum and Jatiyo Kobita Parishad also organized separate condolence meets in his remembrance.

The only solace we have is that Ar. Rabiul Husain could attend the ARCASIA Forum 20, and the ARCASIA 50 Years celebration, where he could meet many of his old architect friends from across the continent for the last time.

### ARCASIA FORUM 20

This ARCASIA Forum 20 was the largest international event ever organized by IAB. The participation and enthusiasm of the members and students in the series of events exceeded expectations.

In addition to the standard ARCASIA events like the Forum/Congress, Council meeting, the Committee meetings, the AAA and the Friendship Night, following were the highlights of the eventful 6 days:

- More than 1600 local and international architects/delegates attended the ARCASIA Forum 20;
- 14 local and international speakers including 6 keynote speakers made their presentations in the Forum 20;
- 20 papers were presented in the Forum 20;
- Around 700 students attended the presentations of the AAA winners;
- Speaker of the National Parliament, 4 Ministers and the Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation attended different programs of ARCASIA;
- 4 exhibitions on architecture were held at the Forum 20 venue of BICC;

- 3 public exhibitions on architecture were held at different locations of the city;
- 6 different publications and a newspaper supplement were published;
- Students of 9 architecture schools designed and put up installations at different locations of the city;
- City-wide branding of IAB and ARCASIA during the 6 days of ARCASIA programs;
- Huge coverage of all the events in the print, electronic and social media.

Other two historic events held at Dhaka were:

- **ARCASIA 50 Years Celebration** with the participation of most of the past presidents/ chairpersons of ARCASIA and the 1600 architects from across Asia;
- First ever **ARCASIA Youth Forum** was held at IAB Centre.

We are also immensely happy about the following additional achievements:

- Naming of the road in front of IAB as "**Sthapatyacharja Muzharul Islam Sarani**" was along cherished demand of the architect's community and a rare tribute to the maestro;
- IAB candidate Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed getting elected as the next President of ARCASIA. Heartiest congratulations to Ar. Abu Sayeed.

A grand building material expo was held after a long time by IAB. This expo has been rebranded as **IAB Build-Expo 2019**, as an annual event to connect the building industry with the architects.

All these have been possible due to the untiring works of more than 200 IAB members, 121 students who volunteered to make all these happen. The 23rd Executive Council is ever grateful to all of them for their selfless service to IAB.

IAB would like to gratefully acknowledge the generous support of all the sponsors of the program. Without their support it wouldn't have been possible for IAB to undertake such a challenging program.

Last but not the least, on behalf of the 23rd EC, I would also like to thank the IAB staff members for their untiring service to make this mega event a success.



## A TRIBUTE TO AR. RABIUL HUSAIN APON ALOY UDVASITO JIBON

IAB organized a special program to pay tribute to the Late Ar. Rabiul Husain on 16 December 2019 at IAB Centre. Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President, IAB; Ar. Saif Ul Haque, and close relatives of the Late Ar. Rabiul Hussain gave speeches. Ar. Shamsul Wares also gave a eulogy to the late Architect.

The program included an Audio-Visual Presentation based on the past interviews of Ar. Rabiul Husain. The other highlights of the program were a recitation by Ar. Qazi M. Arif, solo song performance by Ar. Moushumi Ahmed, and group song performance by Ar. Farhana Sharmin, Ar. Moushumi Ahmed, Ar. Emanahaque, Ar.

Saida Akter, Ar. S. M. Salauddin Kader, Ar. Ali Zawhor Syed, and Ar. Mohammad Tauhid Hossain. Ar. Farhana Sharmin was the anchor of the event.

Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury coordinated the program. All the members of 23rd EC, IAB specially Ar. Nowajish Mahbub, General

Secretary, Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan, Assistant General Secretary, Ar. Masud Ur Rashid, Treasurer, Ar. Tofayel Md. Sarower, Secretary, Membership, Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud, Secretary, Publication & Publicity, and Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage & Culture were actively involved in organizing the event.



# A GRAND HOSTING OF PRESTIGIOUS ARCASIA FORUM 20 BY IAB AT DHAKA

## 2-7 NOVEMBER 2019

2019 was a special year for ARCASIA. After paving a golden pathway of togetherness, ARCASIA celebrated its 50th Anniversary with splendid events including the main scheduled 40th ARCASIA Council Meeting and ARCASIA Forum 20. Inception of hosting ARCASIA Forum 20 initiated in the 38th ARCASIA Council Meeting held in November 2017 in Nepal while Bangladesh became the winner by bidding China.

The whole grand celebration took place in the capital city of Bangladesh, Dhaka during 2-7 November 2019 and was hosted by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). The theme of ARCASIA FORUM 20 was "Architecture in a Changing Landscape" in which world-renowned architects from different countries presented their prized knowledge and ideas with a large audience of celebrated architects and younger professionals from home and abroad. A total of 247 foreign architects/delegates and 1245 local architects participated in the Forum 20. This splendid assembly of architects was indeed an occasion to rejuvenate the ties between the regional countries furthermore and continue the legacy of

brotherhood within the member countries of ARCASIA.

As the host of the ARCASIA Forum 20, 23rd Executive Council, IAB, and Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, the Convener of ARCASIA Forum 20 formed 29 Committees to organize one of the biggest international architectural gatherings in Bangladesh. After the formation of the committees, each committee was appointed with one convener and upon their consent, committee conveners were finalized. Conveners were then asked to appoint a member secretary and a list of committee members.

In the 29 different committees, 203 IAB Members volunteered to work for the Forum 20. During the event, more than 121 student volunteers worked alongside the committees.

The ARCASIA Forum 20 comprised of several events throughout the 6-day long Forum. There were three different types of events **A) Formal Events B) Social Events and C) Side Events.**



## Formal Events

### SECOND OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING

The 2019-20 ARCASIA Office Bearers and Committee was held in Dhaka during the Pohela Boishakh weekend and the delegates had a chance to celebrate the Bengali New Year with the architects of IAB.



## ARCASIA YOUTH FORUM CELEBRATES AT IAB CENTRE

The first event of the ARCASIA Forum 20 was held on 2 November 2019 with the celebration of ARCASIA Youth Forum 2019. The event was organized by the ARCASIA Committee on Youth Architects (ACYA) at IAB Centre, Dhaka under the convenorship of Ar. Masud Ur Rashid, Treasurer, IAB. ARCASIA President, Ar. Rita Soh with other foreign delegates graced the cherished event. This event was held to engage the future architects and to motivate them for the professional life. More than 120 students from IAB accredited Architecture Schools

participated in the event. This was the first time that this event was included in ARCASIA Forum.

The six speakers of the Youth Forum 2019 were: Chairman of ACYA- Ar. Ridha Razak (Malaysia), Hon. Secretary of ACYA- Ar. Bisma Askari (Pakistan), Assistant General Secretary of IAB- Ar. NabiNewaz Khan (Bangladesh), ACAE Representative- Ar. Adrianta Aziz (Malaysia), Ar. Denny Setiawan (Indonesia) and Ar. Rashed H. Chowdhury (Bangladesh).



## OPENING CEREMONY OF ARCASIA FORUM 20

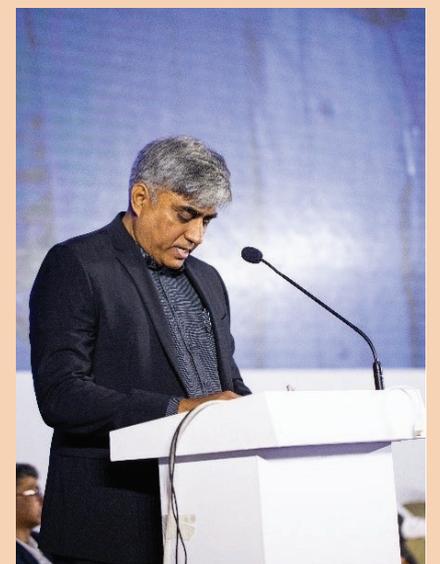
On 3 November 2019, the opening of the prestigious event ARCASIA Forum 20, a conference of architects from Asian countries, was held at Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka. The two-day long Forum was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Honorable Speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament,

Mr. S M Rezaul Karim, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Ar. Yeafesh Osman, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Science & Technology, Architect Rita Soh, President of ARCASIA and Ar. Jalal Ahmed, President of IAB.

Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Convener, ARCASIA Forum 20 delivered his welcome speech

and conveyed his heartiest gratitude to the 23rd Executive Council of IAB for giving him such honor. IAB President, Ar. Jalal Ahmed emphasized the importance of ARCASIA in the arena of architectural brotherhood within and beyond Asia. Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Advisor of ARCASIA Forum 20 and past president of IAB & ARCASIA, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir,

Immediate Past President of IAB, Ar. Ehsan Khan, Vice President (International Relations) and Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, Vice President (National Affairs) delivered their valuable speeches besides honorable guests and chief guest.



# ARCASIA FORUM 20

The ARCASIA Forum 20 was held on 3-4 November 2019 at Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka. The two-day long Forum was comprised of lecture sessions and exhibitions. Renowned international and local architects discussed their works and experiences in the Forum 20.

Different exhibitions such as exhibition of ARCASIA Award-winning projects, ARCASIA Student Design Competition 2019 shortlisted projects' exhibition, an exhibition by ACSR & ACGSA, exhibition of Aga Khan Award-winning projects and Photography exhibition were organized. As a

parallel event, IAB organized a building material exposition- IAB Build EXPO 2019 in the same venue during the Forum 20.

There were six lecture sessions where six keynote speakers and eight guest speakers were delivered their speeches.

**Keynote speakers were:** Emre Arolat (EAA Studios, Turkey), Wong Mun Summ (Co-Founder WOHA, Singapore), Saif Ul Haque (Principal Architect, Saif Ul Haque Sthapati, Bangladesh), Marina Tabassum (Founder, MTA, Bangladesh), Hanif Kara (Co-Founder & Design Director, AKT II, UK) and Peter Clegg (Senior Partner, Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios, UK).

**Guest speakers were:** Prof. Shamsul Wares (Principal Architect, Shisrukkhu Sthapati, Bangladesh), Nguyen Hai Long (Co-Founder, Tropical Space Architects, Vietnam), Nahas Ahmed Khalil (Principal Architect, ARC Architectural Consultants, Bangladesh), Prof. Tay Kheng Soon (Adjunct Prof., National University of Singapore), Sidhartha Talwar (Design Principal, Studios Lotus, India), Isandra (Andra) Matin (Principal Architect & Founder, Andra Matin Architects, Indonesia), Jeravej Hongsakul (Principal Architect, IDIN Architects Co. Ltd., Thailand) and Alan Ricks (Founding Principal and the Chief Design Officer, MASS Design Group,

USA).

A Technical session was also held on 3 November 2019 beside the lecture sessions and exhibitions during the forum. There were twenty research papers were presented on five sub-themes (society, environment, economy, technology, and education) in four parallel sessions. Earlier in September, these 20 papers were selected from the submissions of 188 abstracts which were reviewed by a team of 30 reviewers. The participants were from Japan, Vietnam, China, Sri Lanka, India, and Bangladesh.



Emre Arolat

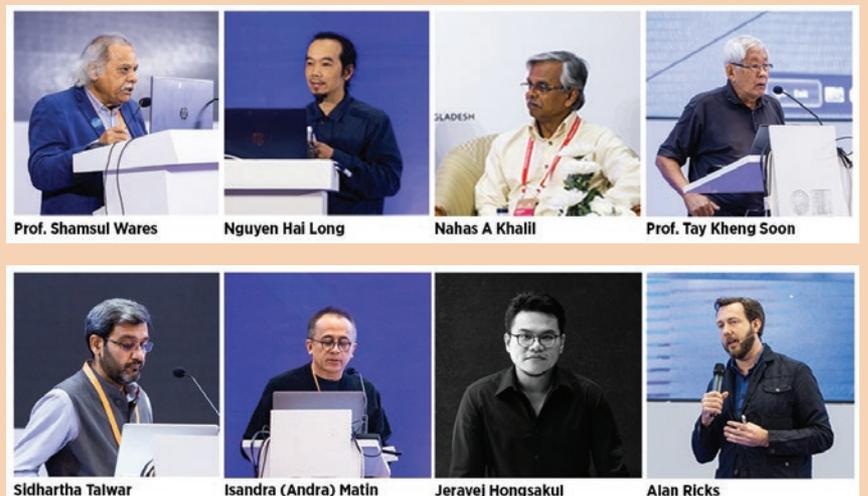
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## UIA REGION IV MEETING (PRESIDENTS FORUM)

On 4 November 2019, UIA Region IV Meeting (Presidents Forum) was held at BICC, Dhaka.



## SAARCH MEETING

Presidents of SAARCH gathered round on 5 November 2019 to hold a meeting of SAARCH. SAARCH President Ar. Kishore Thapa was present in the meeting.



# THIRD OFFICE BEARER AND ARCASIA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Third Office Bearer Meeting and ARCASIA Committee Meetings were held at Army Golf Club, Dhaka on 5 November 2019.



# 40TH COUNCIL MEETING AND ARCASIA PRESIDENCY ELECTION

The 40th Council Meeting of ARCASIA was held on 6-7 November 2019 at IAB Centre, Dhaka.

On the second day of the 40th Council Meeting of ARCASIA, the ARCASIA Presidency Election was held. In this

election, Ar. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed (A-035) was elected as the President-Elect of Architects Regional Council of Asia (ARCASIA).

Professor Sayeed is the Head of the Department of Architecture at University of

Asia Pacific, Dhaka, Bangladesh and a well-known figure in architectural conservation. Dr. Sayeed was the President of IAB for two consecutive terms from 2013 to 2016. He was the Convener of the Organizing Committee of ARCASIA FORUM 20.



**40th COUNCIL MEETING**  
6-7 NOV, 2019 | IAB CENTER, DHAKA





## MEET THE STUDENTS

Another event for the local architecture students was held on 5 November 2019 at BICC as a part of the Forum 20. About 700 students from the architecture schools attended the event where four shortlisted participants of ARCASIA Awards for Architecture 2019 (AAA2019) shared their experiences with the students.

The speakers were Fanhao Meng (Co-Founder & Chief Architect, gad • line+studio, China), Professor

Chun-Yu Wei (Dean, School of Architecture, Hunan University and principal architect, Regional Studio, China), Prof. Dr. Song Yehao (Founder & Principal, SUP Atelier, China) and Asif M. Ahsanul Haq (Managing Partner, Venna Architects, Bangladesh).

The event was coordinated by Ar. Taufiqur Rahman Khan, Seminar & Convention, Secretary, IAB and moderated by Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud, Publication and Publicity, Secretary, IAB.



## Social Events

### WELCOME RECEPTION

A welcome reception dinner was hosted by the Honorable Mayor Mr. Atiqul Islam, Dhaka North City Corporation at the Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden on 3 November 2020. The event was graced by the presence of ARCASIA President Rita Soh along with other foreign delegates.



### HERITAGE WALK AT PANAM NAGAR

International participants were taken to Panam City, Sonargaon, Narayanganj on the evening of 4 November 2020. As the capital of the fifteenth-century Bengal ruler Isa Khan, and once an important trading and political center, Sonargaon boasts architecture of the Sultanate, Mughal, and colonial periods. Guests experienced the fifteenth-century architecture of this region by visiting the historic city. The visit ended with a dinner at the Boro Shordar Bari which underwent restoration works in 2016.





# ARCASIA AWARDS FOR ARCHITECTURE 2019 (AAA 2019) CEREMONY

On the evening of 5 November 2019, the Award Ceremony of ARCASIA Awards for Architecture 2019 (AAA 2019) was held at the Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden followed by dinner and a cultural Program. The event was coordinated and moderated by Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, Vice President (National Affairs), IAB, and Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad was the convener of the AAA 2019.

The aim of the ARCASIA AWARDS FOR ARCHITECTURE (AAA) is to acknowledge exemplary architectural work and in doing so encourage the sustenance of the Asian spirit,

the development and improvement of the Asian built environment and enhancement of the awareness of the role of architects in the socio-economic and cultural life of Asian countries. In this 2019 award cycle, a total of 33 shortlisted projects were given awards in different categories. The submission of projects started on 5 May 2019 and at the deadline, on 17 June 2019, some 424 projects were submitted from 14 countries in 10 categories. On 4 August 2019, in the final session of the two-stage process, the Jury board unanimously selected 33 (thirty-three) projects from 9 (nine) categories as their final

selection, out of which 11 (eleven) had been awarded with gold medals and rests as honorable mentions.

### AAA 2019 Winning Projects

| Project Name   | Architect       | Project Location |
|--|-----------------|------------------|
| Brick Cave   | Doan Thanh Ha   | Vietnam          |
| Long An House  | Hai Long Nguyen | Vietnam          |
| Dongziguang Affordable Housing   | Fanhao Meng     | China            |
| Castaway Island  | Vo Trong Nghia  | Vietnam          |
| XY Yunlu Hotel   | Yuyang Liu      | China            |
| Museum for Site of XANADU  | Li Xinggong     | China            |
| School As Urban Garden - Nanshan Foreign Language School                               | Yichen Lu       | China            |
| Xie Zilong Photography Museum  | Chunyu Wei      | China            |
| M2 Tourist Port at Bai Lianjing, Shanghai  | Ming ZHANG      | China            |
| The Protective Shelter of Locality 1 Archaeological Site of Zhoukodian Peking Man Cave | Guanghai CUI    | China            |
| Village Lounge of Shangcun   | Yehao Song      | China            |



## ARCASIA STUDENTS' ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION 2019 CEREMONY

During the ceremony of the AAA2019 on 5 November 2019, winners of ARCASIA Students' Architectural Design Competition 2019 was announced. The ARCASIA Students' Architectural Design Competition 2019 is organized by the host Institute under the aegis of the ARCASIA Committee for Architectural Education (ACAE). The objective of the ARCASIA Student

Competition is to provide an arena for students from ARCASIA member countries to participate in ARCASIA activities. It is an opportunity for students from different cultures to exchange and share ideas on a particular design issue that is raised by ARCASIA every year. The competition theme of this year was "A Place for Resolution". Ar. Mohammad Arefeen Ibrahim, Secretary

Education, IAB was the Competition Convener for this year.

From 36 entries, 5 projects were shortlisted. One Gold, one Silver and three Bronze Awards were announced among the five shortlisted projects of ARCASIA Students' Architectural Design Competition 2019.

| Project Title                     | Name of Student(s)                        | Institute & Country | University   | Position |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|--|----------|
| Ecological Rehabilitation Park    | Muditha Senanayaka<br>Dasilige            | SLIA,<br>Sri Lanka  | University of<br>Moratuwa                          | Gold     |
| Revival of Hope                   | Tien Jun Xiang                            | PAM, Malaysia       | UCSI University                                    | Silver   |
| A Keloid for Garden Hill          | 1. Hin Fung Sherman Lam<br>2. Ka Chun Lai | HKIA,<br>Hong Kong  | The University of<br>Hong Kong                     | Bronze   |
| Rebridge - A place for Resolution | 1. Shubham Soni<br>2. Vanshika Thandra    | IIA,<br>India       | MNIT JAIPUR  | Bronze   |
| A Drive thru Market               | 1. Nguyen Quoc Doan<br>2. Hoang Yen Nhi   | VAA, Vietnam        | University of<br>Architecture, Ho Chi<br>Minh City | Bronze   |



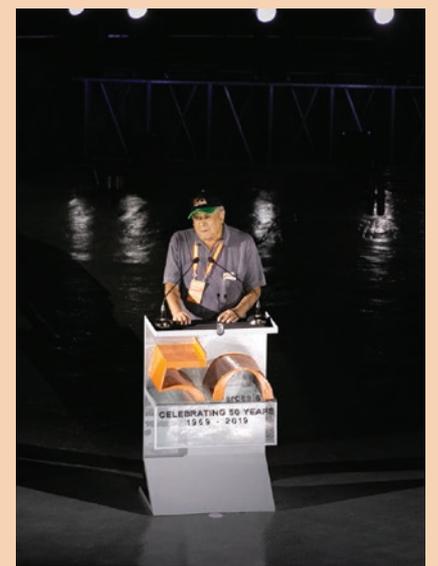
# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ARCASIA

ARCASIA celebrated its 50 years journey of 1969 to 2019. To mark the 50th Anniversary of ARCASIA, a grand celebration program was held at the Hatirjheel Amphitheater, Dhaka on 6 November 2019. Past Chairpersons and Presidents of

ARCASIA including ARCASIA's first Chairman Ar. Lim Chong Keat graced this program with their presence. Honorable Mayor Mr. Atiqul Islam, Dhaka North City Corporation graced the event as the chief guest. The event was enjoyed by more than

two thousand visitors. The event was celebrated with cultural performances, traditional snacks, fireworks, speeches, and dinner.

Ar. Qazi M Arif coordinated the event.





# FRIENDSHIP NIGHT

The final program of the ARCASIA Forum 20 was the Friendship night where all the international and local participants got together at the outskirts of Dhaka in Zindapark, Naraynganj on 7 November 2019.

The daylong event started with the

traditional Bengali Fair (Mela) and the main event started in the evening. In the evening, the session started with a laser show, and afterward, each country had performed some cultural performances which is a tradition in ARCASIA friendship night. The formal session ended with the ARCASIA flag

handover ceremony. IAB President, Ar. Jalal Ahmed handed over the ARCASIA Flag to China to host ACA in 2020 in Shanghai, China. The event ended with dinner.

Ar. Farhadur Reza Probal coordinated the event.





## TOURS

To promote Bangladeshi Architecture and natural beauty, several tour options were available for the foreign participants. Some of them were complimentary and some were paid tours.

The venues for the complimentary tours were within Dhaka city and more than 140 foreign participants visited the places during the

forum period. The sites were National Parliament Building, Fine Arts Institute at Dhaka University, Museum of Independence at DU, Bait-ur-Rauf Mosque, and Old city walk. The paid tour venues were at Dinajpur, Gaibandha, Sylhet and Cox's Bazar.

Ar. Sajid-Bin-Doza coordinated the tours.



# Side Events

## PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

On the occasion of the ARCASIA Forum 20, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh organized six public exhibitions to promote Architecture to the general people within and outside the forum venue. During the forum period, the following four exhibitions were organized at BICC: ARCASIA Award-winning projects, AGA Khan Award-winning projects,

Exhibition by ACSR&ACGSA, and Architectural Photography exhibition.

Two more public exhibitions were organized with vibrant set-ups in two prominent public places, one was on Manik Mia Avenue in front of the National Parliament Building, Dhaka, and the other was at the Shahid Tajuddin Park, Central Gulshan.

The exhibitions were coordinated by Ar. Ehsan Khan, Vice President (International Relations), IAB and team.

Besides IAB, Bengal Institute of Architecture, Landscape & Settlements organized an exhibition titled 'Nogornama: The future of our Habitats' at Bengal Shilpalaya, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.





# IAB BUILD-EXPO 2019

IAB organized a three-day long building material exposition, IAB Build-Expo 2019 in BICC during the ARCASIA Forum 20 from 3-5 November 2019. Total 84 Stalls and 6 Lounges were organized.

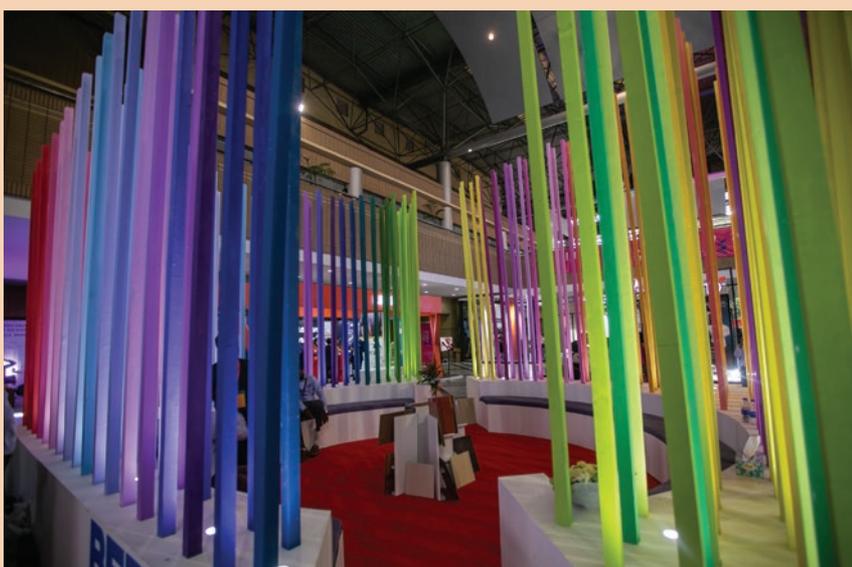
The stalls were categorized into Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze exhibitors. The 84 stalls were distributed as following:

- 05 Stalls for Platinum Exhibitors
- 06 Stalls for Gold Exhibitors
- 21 Stalls for Silver Exhibitors and
- 42 Stalls for Bronze Exhibitors (4 Bronze Stalls

were given complimentary to some exhibitors) Lounges were distributed among the Sponsors of ARCASIA Forum 20.

More than 6000 visitors have visited the Expo. Mr. MA Mannan, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Planning, Government of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh and Ar. Rita Soh, President, ARCASIA graced the inauguration ceremony of the exposition. IAB President, Ar. Jalal Ahmed and Treasurer, Ar. Masud Ur Rashid coordinated the Build Expo.



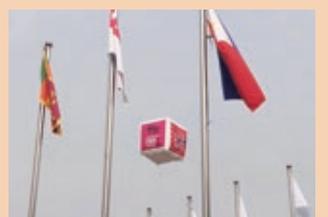


# CITY BRANDING AND INSTALLATIONS

Besides public exhibitions, the city dwellers witnessed many illustrations and installations throughout the Dhaka during the Forum 20. City Branding Committee was involved in making the city more welcoming to our guests. With permissions from DNCC and DSCC, various banners, illustrations and installations were produced to make Dhaka city vibrant for the ARCASIA Forum 20. To make the event engaging, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) invited accredited architecture schools to take part in the City Branding Installations. Among the group of students from American International University -Bangladesh (AIUB), BRAC

University (BRACU), Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), North South University (NSU), Stamford University Bangladesh (StU), State University of Bangladesh (SUB), Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (SUST), University of Asia Pacific (UAP), Southeast University (SU) participated in the event and put up ten installations at different important nodes of Dhaka. The whole process from design to construction was supervised by a creative team comprising the faculty members of respective universities and members from IAB. The branding and installation activities were coordinated by Ar. Md. Masudur Rahman Khan and team.

| Location                                   | University | Supervising Faculty   |
|--|------------|---|
| West side Road of IAB Centre               | AIUB       | Ar. Tabassum Zarin, Fauzia  |
| South side Road of IAB Centre              |            | Ar. Fauzia Rahman Mouri   |
| Gulshan Circle 1                           | BRACU      | Ar. Shams Mansoor Ghani,<br>Ar. Samiur Rahman                               |
| Bijoy Sarani East Circle                   | BUET       | Ar. Dr. Nasreen Hossain<br>Ar. Md. Tarek Haider<br>Ar. Meherul Kader Prince |
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## MEDIA AND PUBLICITY

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TV news Coverage: ETV, GTV, Jamuna TV, SA TV, Desh TV, Banglvision, BTV, DBC, Mohona TV, Somoy TV and many more.

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Other coverage: Contextbd, Showcase Magazine.  
Media and publicity activities were coordinated by Ar. Moushumi Ahmed.

## PUBLICATIONS

On the eve of ARCASIA Forum 20, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh published six publications and were available at IAB Stall during the forum at BICC.

1. **Architecture in a Changing Landscape**, November 2019
2. **Directory, IAB Build-Expo 2019**, November 2019
3. **Architectural Practice**

**Profiles 2019**; First Edition, October 2019

4. **IAB Standard Contract Agreements**; Version 1, September 2019

5. **Architecture in Bangladesh, Building on a Changing Landscape**; Second Edition, October 2019

6. **Aspirations and Ideas, Designing with Context**, First Edition, October 2019; in

association with University Press Limited and CONTEXTbd

Publication activities were coordinated by Ar. Dr. Farida Nilufar, Secretary, Environment & Urbanization, Ar. Ehsan Khan, Vice President (International Relations) and Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud, Secretary, Publication & Publicity of IAB.



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# CERTIFICATE GIVING CEREMONY: ARCASIA FORUM 20 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

On 16 November 2019, IAB hosted a felicitation dinner to acknowledge the efforts of 121 students' volunteering services during the ARCASIA Forum 20 events. The evening started with a welcome speech by IAB President Ar. Jalal Ahmed. Afterward, Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, Vice President (International Relations) Ar. Ehsan

Khan, Immediate Past President Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir and Secretary, Seminar & Convention Ar. M Taufiqur Rahman Khan shared their experiences and inspiring speeches. ARCASIA President, Abu Sayeed M Ahmed offered a vote of thanks to the energetic souls.

In the later part, a certificate giving

ceremony and students' musical performance took place.

The program was moderated by Secretary, Publication & Publicity Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud and coordinated by Secretary, Seminar & Convention Ar. M Taufiqur Rahman Khan.

The program was ended with a gala dinner.



# EXHIBITION ON KSRM AWARDS FOR FUTURE ARCHITECTS: BEST UNDERGRADUATES THESIS

The exhibition on 'KSRM Awards for Future Architects: Best Undergraduates Thesis' was held from 25-27 December 2019 at IAB Centre, Agargaon, Dhaka. A total number of 28 projects from 10 IAB accredited architecture schools of the country presented their best undergraduate thesis projects (June 2018-June 2019 session) in this exhibition. The exhibition was intended to showcase the selected exemplary thesis/final year projects of the architecture schools throughout the country.

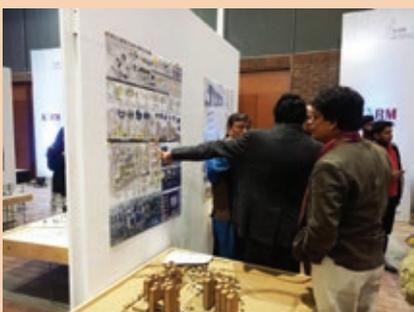
Ar. Mubassar Hussain, former President of IAB, ARCASIA & CAA, and Mr. Sarwar Jahan, DMD, KSRM Steel Plan Ltd. inaugurated the exhibition. The exhibition was widely visited by students, architects, and people from different walks of life.

A panel of eminent jurors Ar. Mohammad Ali Naqi [Vice-chancellor of Stamford University Bangladesh], Ar. Dr. Fuad H Mallick [Professor and Dean, School of Design, BRAC University], Ar. Dr. Farida Nilufar

[Professor of Architecture at BUET], Ar. Saif Ul 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 before the projects were displayed.

A press briefing was organized previous to the inauguration where Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Mamnoon Murshed

Chowdhury, Secretary Education Ar. Mohammad Arefeen Ibrahim and Secretary Publication & Publicity Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud attended from IAB Executive Council. The delegates from KSRM were headed by Brig. General Md. Shahidur Rahman (Advisor, Sales & Marketing), Col. Md. Ashfakul Islam (Head of Sales & Research), Mr. Mizanul Rahman, Mr. Abu Sufian Sohag, Mr. Ehsan Rahman, Saad Hossain, and few others.



# 9TH BERGER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE 2019 SETS A NEW PARADIGM

The 'Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture' is the second most prestigious professional architectural award of the country besides the IAB Award which is endowed every two years cycle. This Award program was started in 2003 as BERGER Young Architects Award to recognize, honor, and promote outstanding examples of contemporary architecture in Bangladesh and to encourage excellence in architectural practice.

The 9th Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture 2019 was announced by Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited in association with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh on 26 May 2019 through a national daily, websites and, social media. A total number of 100 projects were nominated by the members and finally, 71 projects were submitted on six different categories. As per the submission report, 14 projects were in Single Family Residence, 12 for Multi-family Residence, 6

for Commercial and Mercantile category, 6 for the Green and Sustainable category, 7 for Industrial and, 26 projects in Other categories.

After getting individual primary shortlists from five jurors including a foreign expert, the jury panel came up with a second shortlist and afterward, the panel made their final decision with several site visits and checking out the legal issues like project approvals from the local authority, violations, occupancy type, etc. Finally, the jury panel decided to award only a single project as a commendation in the multi-family residence category. Ar. Mohammad Sharif Uddin Ahammed (A-137), Principal Architect, Sthapotik won the Commendation Award under the multi-family residence category for "The Carnation" project in Dhaka.

The Award Giving Ceremony of '9th Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture 2019' was held

on 23 November 2019 at Celebrity Hall, Bashundhara International Conference Center, Agargaon, Dhaka. Award coordinator, Ar. Asif M Ahsanul Haq welcomed the guests at the program. Ms. Rupali Chowdhury, Managing Director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, thanked the prominent architects for their gracious presence and congratulated the winner of the competition in her speech. Architect Jalal Ahmed, President, IAB highlighted the success stories of this initiative to encourage talented architects. Ar. Mustapha Khalid Palash, on behalf of the jury panel, suggests some significant modifications to award criteria. The event ended with a musical program presented by Pintu Ghosh and Friends, followed by dinner.

Renowned architect Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid chaired the jury board, while architect Sheikh Ahsan Ullah Mojumder, Md. Zakiul Islam and artist Wakilur Rahman were the juries this

year. Meanwhile, Indian architect Shimul Javeri Kadri served as the foreign juror. The award was coordinated by Ar. Asif M Ahsanul Haq as Award Coordinator while Ar. Joarder Hafiz Ullah was the Deputy Award Coordinator.

The submitted projects were exhibited at the Multi-purpose Hall of IAB Centre from 27 November 2019 till 30 November 2019.



## CPD ON MEANS OF EGRESS IN TERMS OF LIFE SAFETY

The Continuing Professional Development Workshop on the topic 'Means of Egress' was organized by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh on 19 October 2019 at the Berger Seminar Hall of IAB Centre. Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif conducted the three and half hour long workshop. Secretary Profession

of 23rd Executive Council, IAB Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker coordinated the event.

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. To achieve minimum requirements for life safety, one of the major items "Means of Egress" was

discussed in detail in second part, which included issues like fire rating, number of exits, placements, capacity and all necessary components of egress.

The CPD program ended with a certification giving ceremony.



## CPD ON UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY

Bangladesh is one of the fastest developing countries and hence changing its built environment quickly. It is struggling to cope up with these rapid changes in every sector including Facilities/Buildings and their user groups. People with disabilities are part of our social fabric and the Bangladesh government acknowledges inclusive development policies. It is critical to ensure Universal Accessibility for sustainable development. Accessibility is

also part of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2030).

As a part of civilized society, it is our moral obligation to promote accessibility as a basic human right, and certainly building professionals should come forward to implement and ensure accessibility as a vital building code compliance. To make architects aware of the concepts and principles of universal accessibility, IAB had organized a CPD workshop on

28 December 2019 at the Berger Seminar Hall of IAB Centre. The workshop covered issues like the general concepts of universal accessibility and awareness, the need to adopt accessibility, how to adopt universal accessibility, building codes and regulations around the world in America, adopting accessibility to existing buildings, and developing the BNBC accessibility chapter in the context of international codes.

Architect Moshfeq Rahman conducted the four-hour-long workshop. Secretary-Profession of 23rd Executive Council, IAB Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker coordinated the event. Mr. Rahman is an Architect, Philanthropist, Activist and member of AIA, LEED, PMP.

The CPD program ended with a certification giving ceremony.



## IAB OBSERVED WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY ON 7 OCTOBER 2019

On 7 October 2019, Institute of Architects Bangladesh observed the World Architecture Day by organizing a seminar at Chayanaut Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Earlier in 2005, World Architecture Day was initiated by the International Union of Architects (UIA) and celebrated with different events each year throughout the world. The theme of this year was: "Architecture... housing for all".

The event began with the presentation by Architect Khondaker Hasibul Kabir and ended with a discussion session. Ar. Kabir shared about architects' engagement in the co-creation process of housing and development. Ar. Professor Shayer Ghafur, Urban Planner Khondker Neaz Rahman, and Ar. Kabir participated in the discussion session. Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan, Faculty, Department of Architecture, North South

University, moderated the discussion session.

Dr. Shayer Ghafur, FIAB, is a Professor at the Dept. of Architecture, BUET. He teaches housing theory and coordinates Housing and Urban Design studios. His current academic and research interests include Resilience and Housing in the Global South.

Khondker Neaz Rahman is a

practicing urban planner and member of IAB, BIP, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISoCaRP), The Hague, The Netherlands.

Khondaker Hasibul Kabir is the Principal Architect of Co.Creation.Architect's and Assistant Professor (On Leave) at Department of Architecture, BRAC University.



## CELEBRATING THE 96TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF ARCHITECT MUZHARUL ISLAM

To commemorate the 96th birth anniversary of Sthapattacharja Muzharul Islam a discussion session was organized by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh on 25 December 2019 at IAB Centre, Dhaka. The title of the discussion was 'Muzharul Islam: Progression of a socially conscious architect struggling with multiple conflicts' [বহুবিধ দ্বন্দ্বের অভিঘাতে মাজহারুল ইসলামঃ একজন সমাজ সচেতন স্থপতির অগ্রযাত্রা]

The keynote speaker of the event was Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan. Ar. Taufiqur Rahman Khan, Seminar & Convention, Secretary, IAB gave an introductory speech.

In 1947, during the volatile post Second World War period British India got divided into a communal line and a unique state named Pakistan emerged in the world map with its two wings, East and West, situated nearly 2000 miles apart from each other. In this context, secular-minded Muzharul Islam

engaged himself to express a new national identity through architecture in a land that was created based on religion. He was motivated by socialist ideologies but was educated in the capitalist USA. He was a government employee under an autocratic regime while actively being involved in leftist politics.

For more than a decade Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan had been in close association with Muzharul Islam. He has taken extensive interviews, documented his work, and has helped to establish the Muzharul Islam Archive. Mr. Khan has completed his doctoral thesis on Islam's works and architectural philosophy.

Ar. Taufiqur Rahman Khan is currently serving as the Secretary, Seminar & Convention, IAB. He is the Member Secretary of Asialoka Trust. He is conducting research independently on the impacts of the Partition of South Asia on different forms of art.



## IAB SIGNED THE CHARTER OF THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT

On 23 October 2019, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) had signed the Charter and By-laws of the Center of Excellence in Urban Development (CEUD) as a principal member along with Bangladesh Institute of Planners' (BIP), Institute of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB), and Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB). IAB President, Ar. Jalal Ahmed signed the charter on behalf of the IAB Executive Council. Ar. Dr. Farida Nilufar, Secretary, Environment and Urbanization participated in the event. Earlier on 23 October 2017, these four organizations along with World Bank had signed the MoU to form this center. The center will

be registered and will start functioning soon as a non-government, non-profitable, non-political, voluntary and charitable organization incorporated under The Societies Registration Act, 1860. It is deemed that CEUD shall contribute to the creation of an enabling environment to help unleash the potential of urbanization to propel Bangladesh into middle-income country status. The principal instruments to be marshaled to support this goal are (a) capacity development and knowledge exchange; (b) research and advocacy; and (c) demand-driven and just-in-time technical assistance. CEUD shall

have three types of membership: Principal Members, Affiliate Members, and Individual Members. Operational Area of CEUD will be throughout Bangladesh and as per decision will open regional centers anywhere in Bangladesh.

Through this participation, IAB wishes to contribute directly to the urban development process in Bangladesh and ensure the involvement of architects in this course of action.



## RECONVENED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

IAB Annual General meeting 2019 scheduled on 5 December 2019 at IAB Centre was adjourned due to lack of quorum. However, a casual discussion took place among the members mostly on the

successes and the dissatisfactions around the organization of ARCASIA Forum 20 Dhaka 19.

Later, the reconvened meeting was held on 18 December 2019

at the Berger Seminar Room of IAB Centre. IAB President Ar. Jalal Ahmed chaired the meeting. Ar. Nowajish Mahbub delivered the General Secretary's Report and Ar. Masud Ur Rashid presented the Treasurer's Report

for the year 2019. The presentations were followed by an open discussion. Several suggestions from members were accepted by the chair to be discussed in the meetings of the Executive Council.



## IAB PAYS HOMAGE TO THE MARTYRS ON VICTORY DAY 2019

IAB pays homage to the heroes of the nation at JATIYO SMRITI SHOUDHA, Savar on Bijoy Dibosh (16 December 2019). Headed by IAB President, Ar. Jalal Ahmed, the contingent included Immediate Past President Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, General Secretary Ar. Nowajish Mahbub, Assistant General Secretary Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan, Treasurer Ar. Masud Ur Rashid, Secretary Heritage & Culture Ar.

Mohammad Sazzad Hossain. The other contingent members besides the executive members were former president Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Ar. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, Ar. Kazi Nurul Karim, Ar. M Wahid Asif, Ar. Proddut Basak, Ar. Mohammad Mashiur Rahman, Ar. Kamrul Hasan and a few others.



## DR. DOZA'S SOLO SKETCH EXHIBITION 'SILENCE IN CROWD' IN CHATTOGRAM

Renowned paint company, Elite Paint organized a solo sketch exhibition of Dr. Ar. Sajid-Bin-Doza, named Silence In Crowd, along with the opening of Chattogram's newest exhibition gallery, Gallery Elite, at Elite House, CDA Avenue. The week-long event was inaugurated by the Honorable

Mayor of Chattogram City Corporation, A. J. M. Nasir Uddin on 28 September 2019 while Ar. Najm-ul Latif, Chairman, IAB, Chattogram Chapter was present as a special guest. Ar. Sinthia Shabnam was the Master of the Ceremony.

Silence In Crowd was a visual

presentation of Dr. Doza's sketch and artworks, mainly depicting the National Parliament Building in Dhaka and included a few cartoon graphics as well.

Dr. Doza is an academician, an architect, and an artist. He is renowned in the field of sketch and satire cartoon artwork

amongst his fans. His artworks have been featured in multiple exhibitions both at home and abroad, including his latest exhibition at Alliance Franchise, which was highly successful. He was the Secretary-Heritage & Culture of 22nd Executive Council of IAB of the 2016-2018 tenure.

## FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF IAB CHATTOGRAM CHAPTER

The third anniversary of the founding of Chattogram Chapter of Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) was celebrated on 28 September 2019 at Chittagong Club.

To commence the ceremony, a formal celebration of the founding anniversary was held with speeches from guests of honor and reminiscence of the chapter by senior fellow architects and founding members. The event was hosted by Ar. Bijoy Talukdar. A standing tribute was paid in memory of late Ar. Taslim Uddin Chowdhury, the former chairman and a founding member of the chapter. The President of the Institute of

Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Ar. Jalal Ahmed, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while renowned architect and recent winner of the AGA Khan Award for Architecture (AAA), Ar. Saif Ul Haque was also present as a special guest and keynote speaker. Ar. Najm-ul-Latif, Chairman of the 09th Chattogram Chapter Committee presided the event. Chief Guest Ar. Jalal Ahmed handed over two books as a memento from the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) to Ar. Najm-ul-Latif. Fellow and senior architects, Ar. Bidhan Barua, Ar. Najma Suraya Khan, Ar. Sohail M Shakoore, Ar. Shahinul Islam Khan, and Ar. Ashik Imran

shared their memories on the foundation of the chapter. A foundation day cake was cut to commemorate the occasion.

The highlight of the program followed next with the keynote speech from Ar. Saif Ul Haque, titled 'Architecture is the life we live and want to live', where he briefly discussed his works and his inspiration from the maestro Ar. Muzharul Islam. He also discussed his Arcadia Education Project, recipient of the prestigious AAA award. The presentation was highly informative, directive, and encouraging, especially to the young architects of the chapter who were present among the

attendees. Ar. Haque was then honored with a crest by the chapter chairman along with IAB President Ar. Jalal Ahmed.

A cultural event was held to close out the program, where the architect community and their respective families participated wholeheartedly. Ar. Prianka mesmerized the audience with her soulful renditions. Ar. Bijoy, Ar. Shahinul Islam and Ar. Ashik Imran also serenaded the crowd with their performances. The memorable evening was concluded with a note of thanks from the Joint Secretary, Ar. Faruk Ahmed, followed by a grand dinner.

## VIEW EXCHANGE MEETINGS BETWEEN ARCHITECTS

Following the success of the 3rd 'View Exchange Meeting' with the practicing architects and IAB Chattogram chapter committee, the committee continued the meeting cycle with the architects regularly to discuss various issues of practice. In this regard, two more meetings (4th and 5th 'View Exchange Meeting') were held at the end of 2019 – on 17 October at IAB Chattogram Chapter Office and on 12 November at IEB Seminar

Hall, Lakhanbazar. Both the meetings were chaired by Ar. Najm-ul-Latif, Chairman of the 9th Chattogram Chapter committee. Ar. Faruk Ahmed, Joint Secretary of the 9th Chapter committee, was also present as a delegate.

With a satisfactory participation of architects, the meetings were deemed successful. The other practicing architects who took part in the meetings included Ar.

Ashique Imran, Board member, CDA, Ar. Shahinul Islam Khan, Chief Town planner, CDA, Fellow Ar. Selim, Ar. Najma S. Khan, Ar. Tarek Mahmud, Ar. Ishtiaque, Ar. Noman, Ar. Ashish Chakma, Ar. Tuhin, Ar. Aniket and Ar. Romel. The committee heard the voices of the architects and shared their sincere viewpoints. The agenda of the meetings mainly consisted of ethical and legal practices in the city, problems in the plan approval process, and

about IAB's duty thereof amongst other topics. IAB committee promised to look further into the matters that were raised. Several other topics, such as signature trading, forgery, architects' fee structure, clients' behavior, building deviation, fire safety in the buildings, etc. were also discussed in the event.

## RECONVENED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 9th Chattogram chapter committee was held on the evening of 23 December 2019, Monday, at IAB Chattogram chapter office premises. Fellow architects, members, and associate members attended and registered for the AGM at the staRT. This date was

rescheduled from the previous date of 05 December 2019, due to lack of required quorum. On that day, a 'dua mahfil' was also organized in the remembrance of the death anniversary of late Ar. Taslim Uddin Chowdhury. Ar. Faruk Ahmed, Joint Secretary, and Ar. Fazle Imran Chowdhury, Treasurer, 9th Chattogram chapter committee presented

the annual report and annual financial report respectively in front of the members.

Present Members gave their opinion on the reports and discussed on many various issues related to practice in Chattogram and talked about the solution to problems related to the practice. Few of the

members participated in the rescheduled AGM and they also showed their concern on reports and other issues which made the event vibrant. After every discussion, the members approved both the reports.

## IAB PARTICIPATES IN THE WORLD HABITAT DAY PROCESSION 2019

marched up to the Department of Public Works at Shegunbagicha.

Housing and Public Works Minister SM Rezaul Karim led the rally. Ar. Nowajish Mahbub, General Secretary, IAB; Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, IAB and Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud, Secretary, Publication & Publicity, IAB, Ar. S. M. Salauddin Kader, Member, Cultural affairs committee, IAB; Ar. Mutasem Billah-Al-Abbashi, Ar. Md. Monoar Hossain, Ar. Amir Hamza, Ar. Sadia Ferdous, Ar. Rubaya Jesmin, Ar. Yeafi Ahmed, and many other members of IAB were present at the rally. Ministry of Housing and Public Works took the initiative to organize the procession in cooperation with different stakeholders including IAB. Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, IAB represented IAB in organizing the 'World Habitat Day Rally 2019'.

IAB took part in the colorful procession to mark the 'World Habitat Day 2019'. The Day was observed on 7 October 2019 in Bangladesh and the rest of the world, to raise awareness among people about safe shelter. The theme of the World Habitat Day 2019 was 'Frontier technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth'. The procession was brought out in front of Dhaka Club at Shahbagh at 7:30am and it



## IAB PLAYS ROLE IN THE COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO SAFEGUARD THE HERITAGE SITES - A CASE OF MUKTAGACHA ZAMINDAR BARI

23rd EC, IAB has been working with key actors and stakeholders in heritage sector since 2019 to protect the heritage sites of Bangladesh. Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, IAB; Ms. Rakhi Roy Regional Director (Dhaka), Department of Archaeology, GOB; Prof. Dr. Maliha Nargis Ahmed, DOA, Jahangir Nagar University and Ar. Khandokar Mahfuz Alam, Assistant Architect, Department of Archaeology, GOB visited Muktagacha Zamindar Bari on 9 November 2019 to inspect the new construction

activities close to the heritage site. The team also had a meeting with the representative of Bangladesh Armed police Battalion and PWD who were also very important stakeholders in this regard.

The visiting team officially recommended through the Department of Archaeology, GOB to relocate the new construction to ensure adequate visual exposure of the heritage site.



## REPRESENTATIVES FROM IAB, DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, GOB AND OTHER EXPERTS VISITED OLD DHAKA SITE TO GIVE OPINION REGARDING NEW CONSTRUCTION

Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, IAB; Ms. Rakhi Roy Regional Director (Dhaka), Department of Archaeology, GOB; and Prof. Dr. Maliha Nargis Ahmed, DOA, Jahangir Nagar University, visited a site located within 250 metre from the 'Gol Talab heritage site' on 22 November 2019 to give opinion regarding new construction on the site. The team observed the state of

the surrounding environment and also talked to the local people and the owner of the site

The visiting team officially informed RAJUK, through the Department of Archaeology, GOB about the conditions for new construction at the site to maintain the scale of the historic open space.



# IAB PLACED CONSERVATION-PROPOSAL TO SAVE THE HISTORIC GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE HOSPITAL

IAB placed a detail proposal for conservation to keep the Historic Government Employee Hospital at Fulbaria in use with the newly built Hospital building.

The heritage building was established at Fulbaria as railway hospital during the Second World War but the hospital functions were adapted in a pre-existing building which also existed in 1924's Map of Dhaka city. Due to the newly built multi-storeyed hospital building in the same premises, the old building started to lose its functional importance.

Understanding the possibility of demolition of the heritage building, IAB took part at number of meetings with the 'Dhaka Nagar Unnayan Committee' and placed a detail proposal to ensure a harmony between the old and new structure with focus on the restoration of the heritage building.

Ar. Mubassar Hussain, Past President, IAB took the initiative through 'Dhaka Nagar Unnayan Committee' to involve IAB in the aforementioned matter. After a very interactive discussion an advisory group was formed

which also included Ar. Jalal Ahmed President, IAB; Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, Immediate Past President, IAB, Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Past President, IAB; Ar. Ehsan Khan Vice President (International Relations), IAB; Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, Vice President (National Affairs), IAB and Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, IAB.

Following the consultation with the advisory group, a conceptual design was placed by Ar. Ehsan Khan, Vice President (International Relations), IAB.

Afterwards the final proposal was placed and a visual presentation was made to the Nagar Unnayan Committee of Rajuk and Hospital Authority.

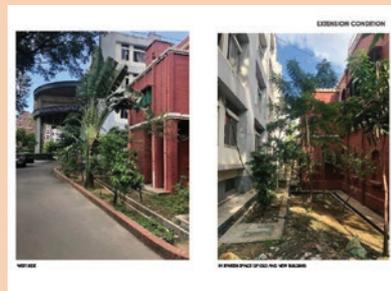
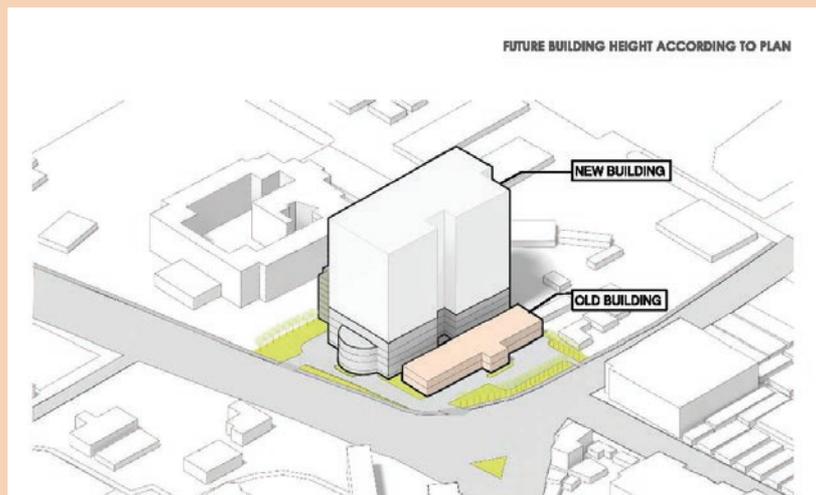
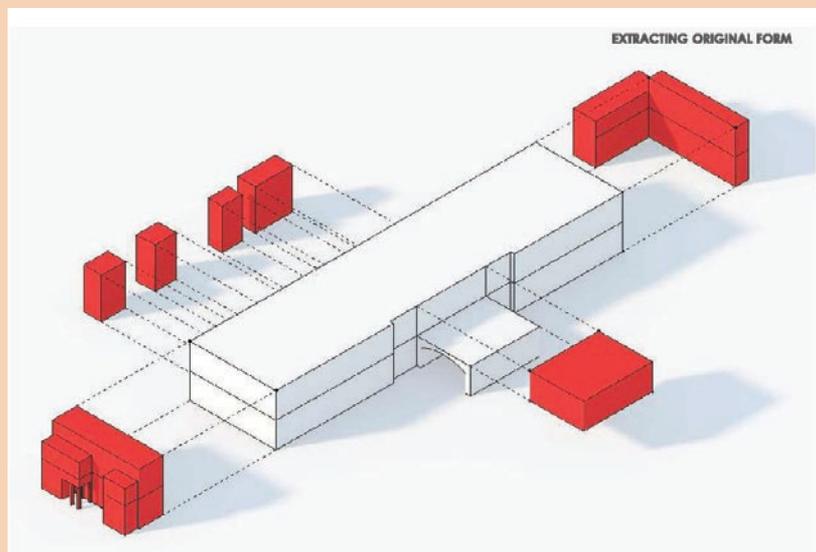
The working team also included the contribution of the following Architects:

Design Team:  
Ar. Bhuiyan ARM Tareque, Ar. Miraz Reza, Ar. Towhidur Rahman Dulak

3D visualization & Animation:  
Ar. A B M Zaheed Noor (Latitude)



OLD BUILDING PRESENTLY USED AS AN EXTENSION OF THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE HOSPITAL



## OPEN HERITAGE WEEK 2019

- A 10 DAY LONG COLLABORATIVE EVENT BY IAB AND OTHER PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The aim of the Open Heritage Week 2019 was to bring government, non-government and international organizations together to promote Heritage and Culture that often go disregarded and are under continuous threat of disappearance. Open Heritage Week 2019 engaged different stakeholders and communities in different activities which included visiting heritage buildings, exhibitions, performances, open forum, workshops, and lectures on architectural heritage at Institute of Architects Bangladesh, British Council, Alliance Française de Dhaka, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, Beauty Boarding, Lalkuthi, Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts and Old Dhaka from 6 to 15 December 2019. Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary Heritage and Culture, IAB represented IAB in organizing the Open Heritage Week.

The other organizing partners of the program were European Union National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC), European Union (EU), Alliance Française de Dhaka, British Council Bangladesh, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, Embassy of Spain, Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts (BAFA), and Dhaka South City Corporation.



### Inauguration Ceremony | 6 December 2019 | Lalkuthi

Secretary Heritage & Culture, IAB; Head of EU Delegation; Mayor (DSCC), Directors of British Council, Alliance Française de Dhaka & Goethe-Institut Bangladesh; Ambassadors of different countries and representatives of different organizations were present at the opening ceremony.



### Old Dhaka and its Heritage | 9 December 2019 | British Council

As a part of the heritage

week—programs, a talk was conducted by Shahnaj Husne Jahan, PhD., Professor and Director, Center for Archaeological Studies (CAS) University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) at British Council on 9 December 2019.



## Exhibition | 6 - 15 December 2019 | Beauty Boarding, BAFA & Lalkuthi

The Open heritage week featured a series of exhibitions at different venues. The exhibitions focused on different art works including paintings, performing art, photographs, etc. 'Recalling' by 09 artists and 4 performers was curated by Mr. Mahbubur Rahman.

Followings were some highlights of the exhibition:

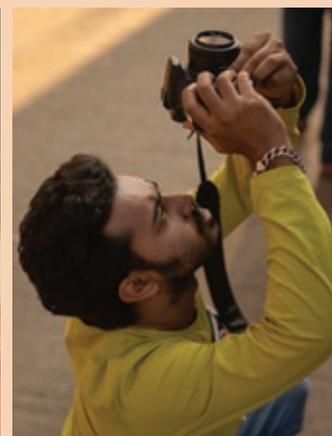
- 'Ascension' - Performing art by Jewel Chakma
- 'Ostitter Shongkot' by Jublee Dewan at Lalkuthi, Old Dhaka.
- 'Self-conversation', Performing art by Meherun Akter
- 'Heritage and Me' by Artist Umme Habiba Ramia
- 'A Legendary Conversation' by Artist Md. Mehedi Hasan, focused on the historic beauty boarding and its legends.
- 'Homage to My Heritage' by Artist Fareha Zeba.

- 'Reconstruction' - An art projection by Kazi Salahuddin Ahmed focusing on the marginalization and decay of Old Dhaka
- 'Cinema Banner Painting' by Artist Md. Hanif Pappu
- 'Love Studio' by Artist Samsul Alam Helal
- 'Golden Lace' by Artist Lutfun Nahar focused on the artistic presentation of the historic buildings of the old city
- Installation work by Artist Shimul Saha at Lalkuthi with the 'Collection of 1000 shopping bag' in connection with Ruplal house and Shyambazar
- 'Achli' - A photography exhibition by Artist Salma Abedin Prithi
- 'Odd Lane Broad lane' - A photography exhibition unpacked the visual narrative of Old Dhaka's life through the lens of Mr. Arfun Ahmed



## Photography Workshop | 10-13 December 2019 | British Council & Goethe-Institut

As a part of the heritage week—programs - a five-day long workshop on photography was conducted by Salma Abedin Prithi. Photos taken during this workshop were exhibited at the British Council and Goethe-Institut from 11 to 15 December 2019.



## Tales of the Old Dhaka | An exhibition by Joloj | 10-15 December 2019 | Alliance Française

The exhibition featured artwork by Al-Akhir Sarker, Biplop Chakroborty, Golam Mosiur Rahman Chowdhury, Md. Azmal Uddin, Sadek Ahmed and Shyamlal Bishwas.



## Qawwali & the Closing ceremony | 15 December 2019 | BAFA

The closing ceremony was followed by a Qawwali by Samir and his group, a local musicians of Old Dhaka. Secretary Heritage & Culture, IAB; Directors of British Council, Alliance Française de Dhaka & Goethe-Institut Bangladesh; Ambassadors of different countries and representatives of different organizations were present at the closing ceremony.



# OPEN FORUM ON CONSERVATION OF BUILT HERITAGE IN OLD DHAKA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

An Open Forum on 'Conservation of Built Heritage in Old Dhaka: Challenges and Opportunities' was held on Saturday, 7 December 2019 at the IAB Centre to create a common platform for multi-disciplinary professionals (e.g. Architects, Planners, Archaeologists, Historians, conservation experts, etc.), policymakers, academics, local stakeholders, and representatives of local and international organizations to find a way forward to promote and conserve the built heritage of Old Dhaka through open discussion, dialogue and exchange of opinion.

The Open Forum was a part of the 'Open Heritage Week 2019'

which is an event by the European National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC), Alliance Française de Dhaka, British Council Bangladesh, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, EU Delegation, Embassy of Spain, Dhaka South City Corporation, Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts and Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) to promote the cultural heritage of Bangladesh.

In the opening speech, Dr. Kirsten Hackenbroch, President, EUNIC Bangladesh gave a brief introduction of the 'Open Heritage Week 2019' with a focus on its objective and the role of the partners.

President of IAB Ar. Jalal Ahmed in his welcome speech

described the role of IAB in the heritage sector, especially mentioning the publication of IAB Heritage Bulletin, initiatives to save different heritage buildings, nominating members for Capacity Building Program, heritage tours, initiative to prepare the draft policy for heritage listing, etc.

The anchor and moderator of the entire program Vice President (National Affairs) of IAB, Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, conducted the panel discussion and open session to run interactive discussion and dialogue.

The panel included Mr. Azim Buksh, Chairman, Dhaka Kendra; Prof. Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed,

Conservation Architect; Ms. Abeda Aktar, Director-Planning (Joint Secretary), Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation; Mr. Sirajul Islam, Chief Town Planner, Dhaka South City Corporation; Mr. Sazzadur Rasheed, Save the Heritage of Bangladesh; Ms. Lovely Yesmin, Deputy Director, Department of Archaeology Bangladesh; Prof. Dr. Mozammel Hoque, Department of Archaeology, Jahangir Nagar University and Mr. Ashraful Islam, Project Director, DAP, RAJUK. The panel discussion mostly covered the role of the respective organizations in the heritage sector with a focus on the existing challenges and opportunities.





After the panel discussion, the platform was opened for interactive discussion. From the open floor Ar. Shameem Aminur Rahman, Chief Architect, Ministry of Housing and Public works, GOB; Mr. M. Olivier Dintinger, Director, Alliance Francaise Dhaka-Bangladesh; Mr. Hasanur Rahman Bachchu, President, BAFA; Ar. Ehsan Khan, Vice President (International Relations), IAB; Ar. Farhana Nizam Chowdhury, Programme Assistant, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh; A.S.M Ismail, Former Chief Architect, Ministry of Housing and Public works, GOB; Archaeologist Nurul Kabir, Associate Professor, Department of Archaeology, JU; Md. Sohel

Rana, Urban Development Specialist, UNHABITAT; Eliza Binte Elahi, academic and travel writer; Advocate Mustafizur Rahman, SHB; Ar. Afrina Islam, Dhaka fiction and Ar. Tasnova Iqbal raised different issues related to heritage conservation in old Dhaka.

Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, IAB in his closing speech summarized the overall discussion with a focus on the rapid transformation of the old fabric without considering the value defining attributes, lack of comprehensive policy for development, existing gaps in heritage listing, lack of

coordination among actors and stakeholders, lack of facilities for heritage tourism, etc. As a way forward, Ar. Hossain also emphasized on scopes in the revised DAP, adaptation of Transferable Development Right (TDR), preparation of more credible and inclusive policy for heritage listing, facilitation of heritage tourism, bridging the gap among actors and stakeholders, capacity building and raising awareness.

Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary Heritage and Culture, IAB coordinated the program.

## EDITOR'S NOTE



Dear Readers,

Greetings from the 23rd Executive Council of Institute of Architects Bangladesh!

I am very delighted to present a very eventful last quarter of 2019 here with you. First I would like to pay my condolence regarding the sad demise of Ar. Rabiul Husain. He was a pioneer in our architectural and cultural communities. He will be remembered forever for his smiling face. I pray that his soul rests in peace.

After nearly sixteen years IAB hosted the ARCASIA Forum in Bangladesh. The collective efforts of IAB members, students, architects, and non-architect communities set a milestone in ARCASIA's hall of fame. The six day program was not only celebrated by the architect community but also enjoyed by the citizens of Dhaka through public exhibitions and citywide installations. 6 publications and 25 events within six days with the participation from 27 countries were undoubtedly a milestone for the Institute. All credit goes to everyone of the 350 plus architects and students who restlessly volunteered to make the event successful.

The flawless success of IAB Build-Expo 2019 is another breakthrough that I believe will strengthen our association with the building industries in the coming future. Despite taking a pause, 23rd Executive Council continues their regular activities like seminars, CPD workshops, publications, and participation in national affairs immediately after the ARCASIA Forum and building material exposition. Here, I would specially congratulate Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Heritage and Culture, Secretary for the well-coordinated Open Heritage Week 2019 with EUNIC Bangladesh, Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, Alliance Française de Dhaka, British Council Bangladesh and others. The all-round participation of architects, other heritage professionals, local citizens, and different stakeholders in the Open Forum at IAB Centre established an archetype for these kinds of awareness programs.

Lastly, I would like to wrap up my note with two great news of naming the road in front of IAB as "Sthapatyacharja Muzharul Islam Sarani" and IAB candidate Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed getting elected as the next President of ARCASIA. Heartiest congratulations to Dr. Sayeed.

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](mailto:mail@iab.com.bd).

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