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NOTES FROM EDITOR'S DESK



Dear Members,

Greetings from the IAB Newsletter Publication team!

The second issue of the IAB Newsletter showcases the various initiatives undertaken by the 25th Executive Council (EC) in the field of architecture and urban development. Each section demonstrates our dedication to promoting professional development, advocating for architectural excellence, and participating in important conversations that shape the future of our industry.

We pay tribute to Ar. Bashirul Haque and Architect Rafiq Mazhar Islam. Condolences to the victims of the tragedy in Bangabazar. We're taking urgent action on fire safety in Dhaka's markets by collaborating with RAJUK, IEB, and BIP for sustainable urban resilience. Our proactive approach to industry rejuvenation and global collaboration is demonstrated through our overseas chapters.

Engaging with global partners, our exploration of collaborative endeavors with UIA Congress 2023 signifies a broader vision for the profession.

We are dedicated to maintaining a high standard of excellence that is reflected in our efficient examination processes, continuous professional development courses, and personalized insurance policies. We take pride in welcoming new members and educating architects on seismic-resistant structures. Our various initiatives, such as critical thinking sessions and round table discussions, are aimed at influencing urban development, preserving heritage, and uncovering hidden treasures.

"This newsletter is a tribute to the combined efforts of the 25th EC and the entire architectural community. As we face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, let us continue to work towards a future where architecture will play a crucial role in creating a sustainable, resilient, and harmonious world."

Please be with us for an exciting journey!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shafiul Azam Shamim', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Ar. Md. Shafiul Azam Shamim
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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members,

The rapid pace of urbanization, coupled with unchecked city densification and inadequate enforcement of building regulations, often leads to vulnerable urban conditions that jeopardize both lives and property. Urban disasters, including fires, earthquakes, and floods, present a looming threat to our built environment professionals. Recent incidents such as the Banga Bazar fire, the Gulshan Apartment fire, and a recent earthquake in Turkey serve as stark reminders of these realities, prompting our institute to continuously engage our members in raising awareness and enhancing skills to effectively address such challenges.

In response to these pressing issues, the institute has been proactive in advocacy efforts and has organized a series of professional development courses, master classes, colloquiums, and seminars. These initiatives, facilitated by experts from both local and international backgrounds, aim to equip professionals with the necessary knowledge and tools to mitigate risks and respond effectively to urban disasters. Coverage of many of these critical issues is provided in this edition of our Newsletter.

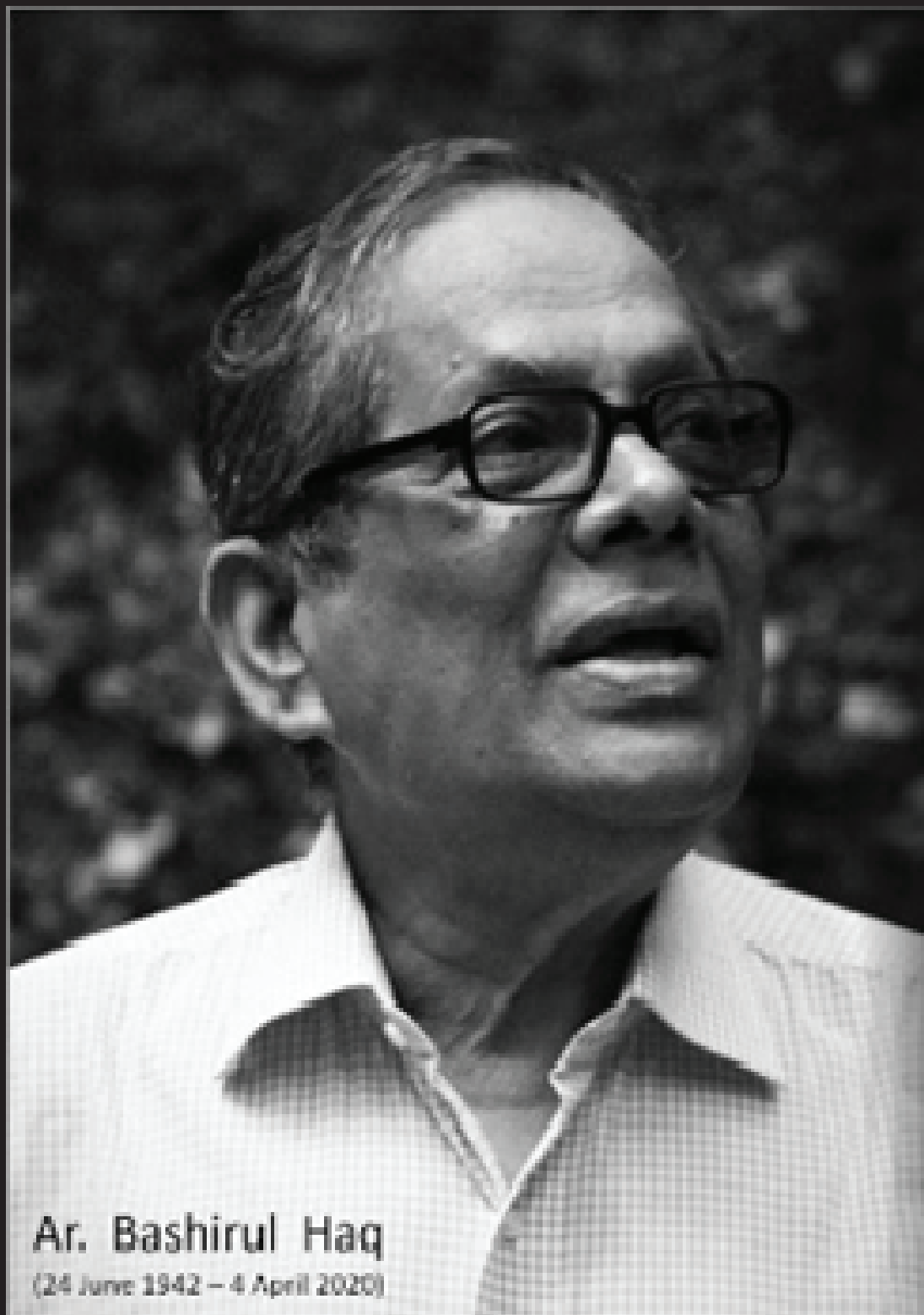
Furthermore, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has held several meetings with RAJUK, the apex regulatory body for the metropolis, to address issues related to Development Approval Plan (DAP) and other relevant topics. Additionally, IAB has actively participated in urban resilience efforts in collaboration with other professional bodies such as the Institution of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB) and the Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP). On the international stage, IAB made a significant mark by showcasing the talents and skills of local architects at the International Union of Architects Congress in 2023, held in Copenhagen, Denmark. The IAB stall attracted keen interest from architects and participants worldwide. Concurrently, Bangladesh received four international awards, while outstanding student work was recognized through an invitation from the Aga Khan Foundation. This event also facilitated valuable exchanges and meetings with representatives from architectural associations from countries such as the United States, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and Gabon, paving the way for potential collaborations.

During this period, a strategic meeting was held with the president of the Commonwealth Association of Architects, focusing particularly on the Mutual Recognition of Architects. Key representatives from IAB, including myself and the Vice President of International Affairs, were actively involved in these discussions.

Recognizing the global presence of its members and their eagerness to contribute to their home countries, IAB has initiated efforts to establish chapters and explore outsourcing activities in countries like Canada and Australia. With the successful launch of the IAB Chapter Canada, ongoing discussions are nearing completion, with potential centers under consideration in countries such as Germany and the United Kingdom. The institute remains committed to advancing its international presence and fostering collaboration with architects worldwide. I trust you will find this issue both captivating and informative, reflecting our institute's dedication to addressing critical urban challenges locally and promoting excellence in architecture on a global scale.



Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed
President
25th Executive Council, IAB



Ar. Bashirul Haq

(24 June 1942 – 4 April 2020)

A TRIBUTE FROM IAB: REMEMBERING AR. BASHIRUL HAQUE



On the solemn occasion of April 4th, we gather to pay our heartfelt tribute to the late Ar. Bashirul Haque. As we commemorate his memory on this day, we reflect on his profound contributions to the world of architecture and his enduring legacy. Ar. Bashirul Haque played a pivotal role in advancing the practice of modern architecture in Bangladesh from the late

seventies onward. His unwavering dedication and passion for his craft left an indelible mark on our architectural landscape. Among his remarkable architectural works, several stand out as iconic symbols of his talent and vision. These include his own residence, the BCIC headquarters, Kalindi and Dhansirii apartments, Bhatshala residence, and the Chayanaat

building. What set Ar. Bashirul Haque's work apart was his remarkable ability to blend the country's climate, construction techniques, local materials, and living culture seamlessly into his architectural designs. His creations are a testament to the harmonious fusion of these elements, resulting in structures that are not only functional but also deeply resonant with the spirit of Bangladesh. We remember and celebrate his profound contributions to our profession. Ar. Bashirul Haque's legacy continues to inspire architects and enrich Bangladesh's architectural heritage.

TRAGEDY STRIKES BANGABAZAR IAB EXTENDS CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT



On April 4, 2023, a devastating fire engulfed Dhaka's iconic Bangabazar clothing market, leaving destruction and despair in its wake. The inferno, which raged for six hours, required the valiant efforts of 600 firefighters and 48 fire service units to bring it under control, with an additional 75 hours to fully extinguish. In this time of tragedy, the

Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) stands united with the affected people, extending its deepest condolences to those who have suffered loss and displacement. Recognizing the gravity of the situation, IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed has proposed the formation of an Advisory Committee named "Safety, Health, and Public

Protection in the Built Environment." This committee is tasked with a crucial mission: to study recent incidents and disasters, provide expert guidance, and play a pivotal role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities. With a commitment to learning from the tragic events, the Advisory Committee aims to implement measures that will prevent such disasters in the future and contribute to the resilience of our built environment. As a community of architects, IAB understands the profound responsibility of not only rebuilding physical structures but also restoring the lives and livelihoods of those affected.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HOSPITAL BUILDING A COMMITMENT TO KEEP

The recent demolition of the Government Employees Hospital building in Fulbaria, Dhaka, raised alarm within the committee. IAB expressed its concerns and resolved to send a letter to the authorities, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding historical structures. To tackle heritage preservation effectively, a round table discussion was proposed. Key stakeholders, including government departments and Rajuk, will participate, promoting the conservation of historic buildings and their adaptive reuse in future projects. Additional to this The IAB commits to creating an archive of successful heritage conservation projects undertaken by university architecture departments. This archive serves as a



testament to our dedication to preserving architectural treasures and raising awareness about their importance. Chaired by Ar. Mohammad Ziaul Sharif, Secretary (Heritage and Culture), the meeting included distinguished members such as Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, Ar. Tahjibul Hossain, Ar.

Sajjad Hossain, Ar. Khandaker Mahfuz Alam and Imamur Hossain. IAB remains dedicated to preserving Bangladesh's architectural heritage and looks forward to ongoing initiatives that celebrate our culture.

ARCHJAM2023 THE 2ND ARCHITECTURE JAMBOREE IS BACK!

On the 15th of April, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) made an exciting announcement. They are all set to host the second edition of the Architecture Jamboree, ArchJam2023. This extraordinary event will unfold from the 14th to the 17th of December 2023, spanning from Thursday to Sunday. The National Scout Training Centre (NSTC) in Mouchak, Gazipur, has been chosen as the venue for this architectural extravaganza. This exciting event will be under the guidance of Ar. Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed, who serves as the Camp Chief and Adviser for ArchJam23. The Architecture Jamboree promises a unique and enriching experience for participants.

Students of architecture universities are encouraged to form troops of 6 to 8 members under the mentorship of a teacher. Troops are encouraged to be gender-based, although mixed troops are allowed, with separate accommodation arrangements in tents. Architects are also invited to participate by forming troops of 6 to 8 members, led by an architect as the troop leader. Their accommodation will also be in tents, separate from the student groups. The application deadline for this exciting event is set for the 14th of October 2023. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to engage in a vibrant architectural experience and network with fellow enthusiasts. Join us at

ArchJam2023 for an unforgettable adventure!



UNLOCKING DHAKA'S HIDDEN TREASURES A PATH TO CULTURAL TOURISM



“IAB Representative attend the meeting with DNCC to discuss opportunities to expand the tourism sector by integrating historically and culturally significant heritage sites in Dhaka South City Corporation.”



The meeting brought together diverse stakeholders, including IAB representatives, the Department of Archaeology, hotel directors, travel agencies, urban planners, tour operators, and the Vice President of the Bangladesh Guest House Owners Association. Ar. Mohammed Ziaul Sharif, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, 25th EC IAB, commended the Mayor's dedication to preserving cultural heritage. He proposed adaptive reuse of historic buildings, establishment of motels at heritage sites, and effective traffic management for the project's success. In conclusion, all participants expressed their determination to develop, manage, and promote the proposed heritage corridors. Their vision aims to transform Dhaka into a dynamic tourist destination that showcases its rich cultural and historical offerings.

“IAB Representative attend the meeting with DNCC to discuss opportunities to expand the tourism sector by integrating historically and culturally significant heritage sites in Dhaka South City Corporation.”

In a significant meeting at the Dhaka South City Corporation, representatives from the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) came together to discuss an exciting initiative: expanding Dhaka's tourism sector by integrating its rich historical and cultural heritage sites. Dhaka's cultural heritage, boasting 74 Rajuk-listed buildings and 1,157 identified by the Urban Study Group, took center stage in the discussion.

The City Mayor expressed enthusiasm for showcasing these architectural and historical treasures to both local and international tourists. Ar. Prof. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed proposed creating seven heritage zones with parking facilities. As a manageable pilot project, the fifth heritage corridor, running from Dhakeshwari Temple through Lalbagh Fort, Khan Md Mirdha Mosque, the Persian Wheel of Lalbagh Fort, and Delwar Hossain Playground, was suggested. Historian Prof. Muntasir Mamun endorsed the proposal, emphasizing the value of expanding heritage trails to enhance the tourist experience.

POHELA BOISHAKH 1433 CREATIVE CELEBRATION



Pohela Boishakh, the Bengali New Year, is a cultural highlight celebrated nationwide with fervor. This festival, known as 'Noboborsho' or 'Borsho Boron Utshab,' marks the start of the Bengali first month, 'Boishakh,' on April 14th, a national holiday. Architecture is an embodiment of culture, and architecture students, nurtured by their education, are naturally inclined towards culture and heritage. This year, architecture students

brought their creativity and energy to Pohela Boishakh celebrations in style. Colorful rallies, adorned campuses, and enthusiastic participation by students and faculty were the order of the day. Cultural events, photography exhibitions, and art competitions for children were added to the festivities. The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) extended warm wishes to its members for

a prosperous year. This gesture reflects the sense of community and cultural pride that Pohela Boishakh embodies. In celebrating Pohela Boishakh, architecture schools demonstrate the enduring connection between culture, creativity, and the architectural community. Let this vibrant festival inspire us all in the year ahead.

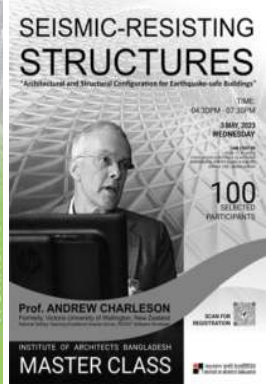
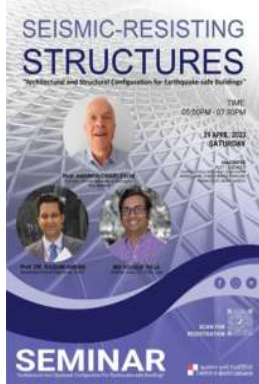
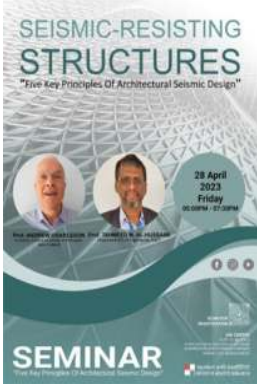
HERITAGE TRIUMPH AR. MUZHARUL ISLAM'S BUILDING NO. 75 OF AZIMPUR SPARED

At the beginning of Bengali New Year, IAB has brought some wonderful news: the proposed demolition of Building No. 75 in Azimpur, designed by Ar. Muzharul Islam, has been successfully stopped, thereby preserving an essential part of our cultural heritage. During the 23rd Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), the building was included in the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List, receiving praise from Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. However, recent attempts to demolish it sparked concerns. The 25th Executive Council of IAB took swift action by sending letters to relevant authorities, attaching the Prime Minister's greetings and consent for inclusion in the World Heritage

Tentative List. This strategic move garnered attention. This outcome is the result of vigilant monitoring, effective communication, and collective efforts. IAB extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this endeavor. The collective efforts that saved Building No. 75 of Azimpur serve as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when communities come together for a common cause.



EMPOWERING ARCHITECTS WITH SEISMIC-RESISTING STRUCTURES KNOWLEDGE



The 25th Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has orchestrated a groundbreaking program on "Seismic-Resisting Structures," featuring lectures, workshops, and masterclasses to elevate our understanding of earthquake-resistant design. The esteemed Asso. Prof. Andrew Charleson from Victoria University of Wellington played a pivotal role, presenting the main article in the program.

1st Presentation: "Five Key Principles of Architectural Seismic Design"
The inaugural presentation on April 28, 2023, saw Dr. Tahmid M Al Hussaini, a distinguished professor at Bangladesh University of Engineering, deliver an outstanding presentation via the internet. The event, held at the IAB Center, marked the beginning of the enlightening "Five Key Principles of Architectural Seismic Design" series.

2nd Presentation: "Architectural and Structural Configuration for Earthquake-safe Buildings"
On April 29, 2023, Prof. Rakib Ahsan from Bangladesh

University of Engineering and Technology, joined by Asso. Prof. Andrew Charleson, delved into "Architectural and Structural Configuration for Earthquake-safe Buildings." The flawless execution of the event included a remote presentation by CTBS's Spatial Analyst, Md. Yousuf Reja, leaving the audience impressed and well-informed.

3rd Presentation: "Workshop for Lecturers"
Recognizing the power of knowledge sharing, a "Workshop for Lecturers" was organized, focusing on improving the teaching of structure-related courses to architecture students. The workshop aimed to integrate earthquake-resistant design into the curriculum, ensuring that structures courses are relevant and pass on design skills crucial for safe architecture.

4th Presentation: "Masterclass on Architectural and Structural Configuration for Earthquake-Safe Buildings"
The Masterclass on May 3, 2023, drew a massive turnout, underscoring the thirst for knowledge among IAB

members. Despite exceeding seat capacity, the event became a testament to the commitment of our members to enhancing their skills and knowledge in seismic-resistant design. Publication Announcement: Bangla Translation of "ভূমিকম্প মোকাবেলায় নিরাপদ ভবন"
In a moment of pride, IAB unveiled the Bangla translation of "ভূমিকম্প মোকাবেলায় নিরাপদ ভবন" originally authored by Associate Professor Andrew Charleson with EERI & IAEE. The translation, meticulously edited by Ar. Dr. Md. Nawrose Fatemi (Secretary of Education, IAB), and co-edited by Ar. Md. Shafiu Azam Shamim (Secretary of Publication & Publicity, IAB), underscores IAB's dedication to empowering its members with valuable resources. These endeavors signify IAB's commitment to ensuring architects are well-prepared to design structures that can withstand seismic forces and protect lives. As we champion knowledge and safety, let's continue our journey towards creating resilient and sustainable built environments.



FIRE SAFETY CONCERN IN DHAKA'S MARKETS DEMAND IMMEDIATE ACTION



New Super Market fire ; Photo: Rashed Shumon

A wave of alarming fire incidents has swept through Dhaka's markets, resulting in substantial losses and raising critical concerns about fire safety in the bustling city. The Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) has identified at least 20 high-risk markets under the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) and Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC). Despite repeated warnings, no steps have been taken to address these risks, putting the public in grave danger. In 2007, BUET was assigned to

inspect Dhaka New Super Market due to structural issues. Subsequently, in 2016, a private company assessed three markets, pinpointing Dhaka New Super Market as particularly vulnerable to collapse and fire. These warning signs, unfortunately, have not translated into meaningful action to secure these public spaces. These incidents serve as a stark reminder of the pressing need to address fire safety in Dhaka's markets. Recent fires have claimed numerous shops and caused widespread destruction,

impacting livelihoods and communities. The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) conveys its deep concern and heartfelt condolences to the affected victims and their families.

In light of these events, IAB calls for swift and decisive action to mitigate fire safety risks. It is imperative that authorities, stakeholders, and the community collaborate urgently to implement effective measures that safeguard our markets and ensure the safety of all citizens.

UIA CONGRESS 2023

IAB EXPLORES COLLABORATIVE ENDEAVORS WITH DANISH EMBASSY



In a significant stride towards fostering international collaboration, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) convened with officials from the Danish embassy to explore joint participation in the upcoming

UIA Congress 2023 set to be held in Copenhagen. This pivotal meeting, held on May 3, 2023, reflects IAB's commitment to promoting architectural excellence on the global stage. On this meeting, IAB express its

concern to ease the visa process for the architects going to attend the UIA conference, this is the first time IAB has their own pavilion at UIA exhibiting the architectural marvels of Bangladesh, promoting architectural scope of outsourcing towards international industry. The aim is to facilitate a robust exchange of ideas and expertise between Bangladesh and Denmark, fostering mutual growth in the architectural field. IAB plans to make two publication focusing this agendas. As IAB paves the way for architects and students to engage in a meaningful exchange of ideas and experiences at the UIA Congress 2023, it stands as a testament to the institute's vision of a globally connected and enriched architectural community.

BUILDING 75

A STRATEGY FOR SAFEGUARD ARCHITECTURAL MARVEL

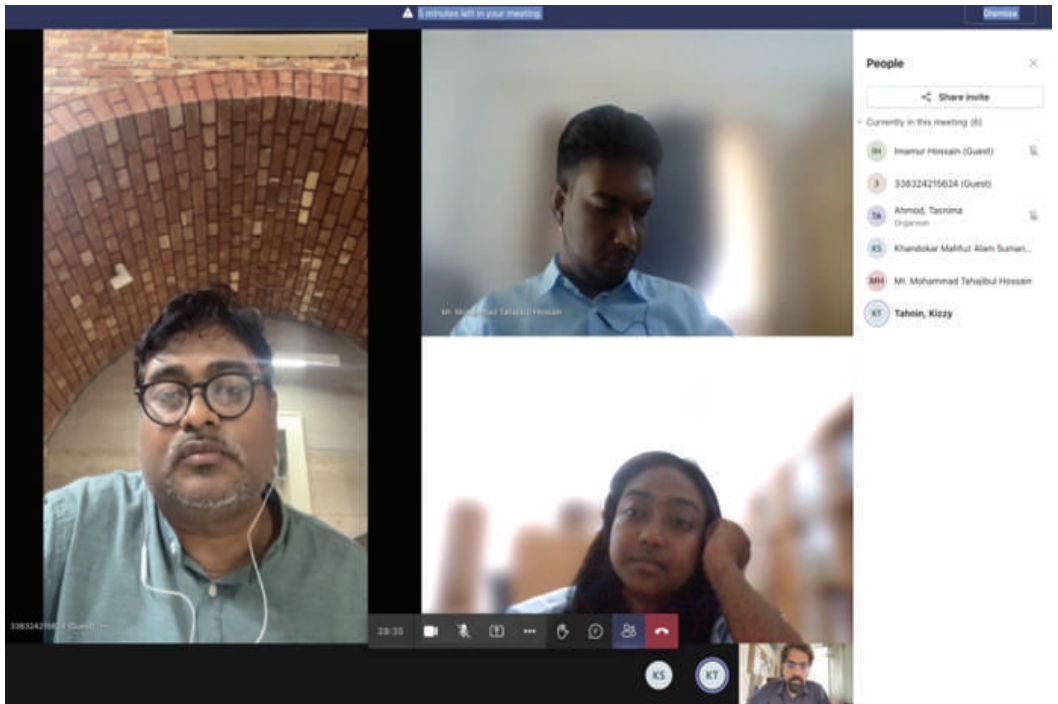
A crucial meeting of the IAB Working Committee on Heritage and Culture convened on May 7, 2023, at the IAB Premises in response to a letter from the Secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs in the People's Republic of Bangladesh concerning "Building 75." This architectural gem, crafted by the

renowned architect Sthapattacharjo Muzharul Islam in Azimpur, stands at the crossroads of preservation and progress. The committee met to devise a response strategy and presented drawings and 3D files of Building 75. Two sub-groups were formed to streamline efforts,

representing the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and the Public Works Department. The groups will merge to create a presentation stressing the historical significance of Building No. 75 and advocating for its preservation and adaptive reuse. The building's exceptional design by Architect Sthapattacharjo Muzharul Islam has represented Bengal's modern heritage and led to a submission for the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List. The committee is dedicated to preserving the historical significance of Building No. 75, reflecting their commitment to safeguarding Bangladesh's cultural heritage. Their efforts underscore the broader mission of protecting and celebrating the gems contributing to Bangladesh's cultural tapestry.



FORGING COLLABORATIVE PATH WITH UNESCO FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION: 25TH EC IAB



The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) convened in a groundbreaking meeting on May 8th, 2023, to explore collaborative opportunities with UNESCO, aiming to fortify cultural heritage preservation initiatives. The focus of this joint endeavor is to empower architects with essential training for the conservation and management of cultural heritage sites, ushering in a new era of sustainable preservation practices.

Ar. Mohammed Ziaul Sharif, Secretary of Culture and Heritage for the IAB 25th Executive Council, took center stage during the meeting, emphasizing the need for comprehensive capacity-building activities. These activities aim to equip IAB with the necessary

expertise to safeguard and restore heritage sites effectively. The goal is to ensure that architectural interventions align with globally recognized principles, fostering a deeper understanding of the delicate balance between preservation and progress.

Concept Note: Blueprint for Future Collaboration
A significant outcome of the meeting was the creation of a comprehensive concept note. This document outlines the contours of future collaborative efforts between IAB and UNESCO. It not only highlights potential projects but also delineates the specific expertise that UNESCO can bring to the table. The concept note serves as a blueprint, guiding the collaborative journey towards a

shared vision of preserving cultural heritage. IAB's Commitment to Globally Recognized Principles
This collaborative venture underscores IAB's unwavering commitment to preserving cultural heritage using globally recognized principles. The shared vision is rooted in the understanding that architectural interventions in heritage sites must be sustainable and respectful. By partnering with UNESCO, IAB aim to protect the legacy of the past, ensuring it remains a vibrant part of the present and a gift for future generations.

STREAMLINED FULL MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION PROCEDURE IAB 25TH EC



The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has undertaken significant changes to elevate the full membership examination procedure, as announced during the Membership Advisory Committee meeting of the 25th Executive Council. These changes are geared towards streamlining the process and ensuring a more efficient recruitment experience for aspiring architects.

Design Audit and Interview Consolidation

In an effort to expedite the recruitment process, IAB will now conduct the design audit and interview on the same day. Candidates will first undergo a written test, and upon successfully passing, they will proceed to the design test and interview. This enhancement is set to be implemented in the upcoming examinations,

promising a more seamless and time-effective assessment for candidates.

Inclusion of Building Construction Rules of 1996 in Written Examination

Commencing from June 1, 2023, the written examination question paper will incorporate the Building Construction Rules of 1996, adhered to in most of Bangladesh except Dhaka Metropolitan and Chittagong. This inclusion aligns the examination process with relevant regulations, ensuring that aspiring architects are well-versed in crucial aspects of building construction.

The Membership Advisory Committee meeting, on its 3rd meeting on 15th May 2023, chaired by Ar. Prof Mohammad Ali Naqi, Vice-President (National Affairs) of the 25th Executive Council and Chairperson of the Membership Advisory

Committee, showcased IAB's dedication to modernizing and improving the examination process for aspiring architects. These decisions signify a commitment to excellence and the ongoing pursuit of high standards within the architectural community. Other members present in the meeting were, Ar. Abul Hasanat Fuad, Ar. Mustasim M Khan, Ar. Amit Kumar Saha, Ar. M Wahid Asif, Ar. Md Sharif Hossain, Ar. Abu Saeed Md Kamrul Islam, Ar. Kawshari Parveen, Ar. Kamrul Hasan, Ar. Fariah Sharmin Akbar and Ar. Md Shahnewaz Abdullah.

EMBRACE THE NEW IAB CELEBRATES THE INDUCTION OF 70 NEW YOUNG ARCHITECTS AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS



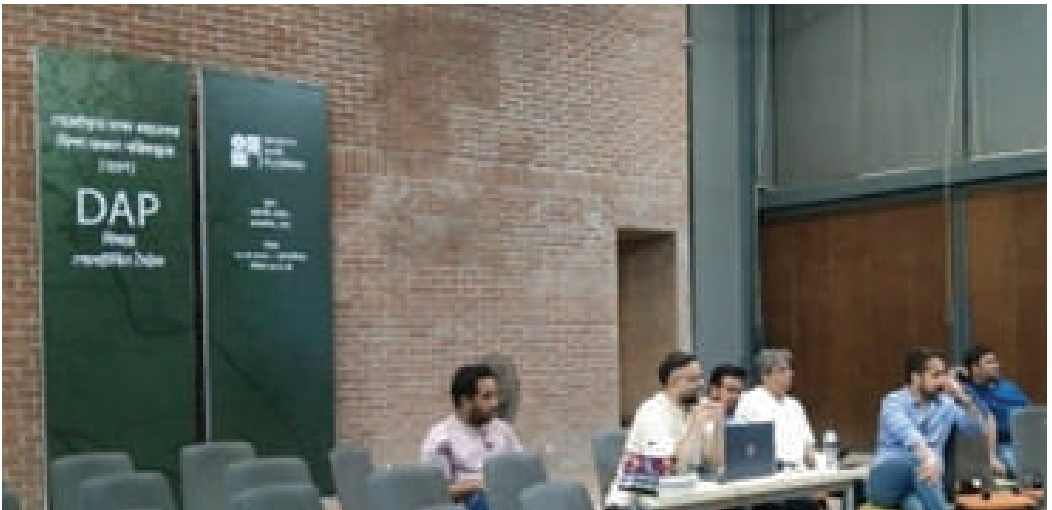
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In a momentous event on May 6, 2023, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) proudly welcomed 70 promising young architects into its fold as Associate Members. The induction ceremony, held at the prestigious IAB CENTER, was graced by the presence of Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, the Vice President (National Affairs) of the 25th Executive Council and Chairperson of the Membership Advisory Committee. Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan, General Secretary of the 25th Executive

Council, and Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, shared invaluable insights and experiences, laying the foundation for the new members' professional journey. Membership Advisory Committee Member Secretary, Ar. Ahsanul Haque Rubel, elaborated on the responsibilities and duties that accompany their new roles. Distinguished architects, including Architect Abul Hasanat Fuad and Architect Amit Kumar Saha, graced the occasion, highlighting the unity and strength of the architectural

community. Their presence underscored the importance of mentorship and collaboration within the profession. This momentous occasion signifies the beginning of an exciting journey for the 70 new Associate Members. Their fresh energy and creativity promise positive changes in Bangladesh's architectural landscape. IAB extends a warm welcome to these new members and eagerly anticipates their contributions to advancing the architectural profession and enriching society.

A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: DAP



The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) orchestrated a Round Table meeting on May 11th at the IAB Center, focusing on the Detailed Area Plan (DAP). Ar. Md. Nazmul Haq Bulbul, Secretary of Profession, and Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan, Secretary of Environment & Urbanization, led the discussion, sharing insights into the 25th Executive Council's (EC) initiatives.

Ar. Bulbul set the stage by providing an insightful overview of the background and scope of the DAP projects. Complementing this, Ar. Sujaul delved into the alignment of these initiatives with the previous EC's seven key points, emphasizing a cohesive and forward-looking approach.

A significant revelation during the meeting was the formation of a Minister-led Working Commit-

tee, which involves collaboration between IAB, IEB, BIP, and other relevant stakeholders. This committee will play a pivotal role in revising the Detailed Area Plan (DAP), signifying a collaborative effort to shape the future of urban development.

Members actively engaged in a fruitful discussion, commending the presentation on DAP. However, they highlighted the absence of a comprehensive background study, particularly concerning the gazetted second-level plan preceding the structured plan. This observation sparked a thoughtful dialogue that aimed at refining and strengthening the proposed initiatives.

The discussion centered on important elements of the proposal such as the new Floor

Area Ratio (FAR), block-based development, and incentives. Preserving water bodies and addressing environmental concerns were paramount, aligning with sustainable development goals.

IAB General Secretary Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan concluded the meeting, expressing gratitude to all participants for their valuable contributions. The dynamic exchange of ideas and perspectives underscores IAB's commitment to shaping a sustainable and visionary urban landscape for Bangladesh.

EXPLORING COLLABORATIVE CITY-BUILDING: IAB HOSTS INAUGURAL SETTLEMENT SPEECH

In a momentous event on June 11 at 7 pm, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) inaugurated its first settlement speech titled "ঢাকাবাসীদের নিয়ে ঢাকা" (Dhakabasider Niye Dhaka). The occasion featured a captivating presentation by young architect Dr. Tanzil Idmam Shafiq, centered around the theme of collaborative city-building with its citizens.

Key Highlights of the Event:

Presentation by Dr. Tanzil Idmam Shafiq:

Dr. Tanzil Idmam Shafiq delivered a compelling presentation, shedding light on innovative approaches to city-building that actively involve and engage the residents of Dhaka.

Keynote Address by Professor Adnan:

Professor Adnan delivered a keynote address, exploring the essence of Dr. Shafiq's presentation and emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts in shaping the city's future.

Open Discussion and Moderation:

The evening included an open discussion, skillfully moderated by Ar. Khan Md. Mahfuzul Huq, Vice-President (International Relations), Ar. Prof. Mohammad

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প্রায় আড়াই কোটি লোকের আবাসস্থল এই মেগাসিটি ঢাকা। অতি দ্রুত-বর্ধিত এই নগরী অন্তত: চার শতক প্রাচীন, উত্তরাধিকার সূত্রে পাওয়া ঔপনিবেশিক শাসন-কাঠামোর ছকে গড়া। নিদারুণ বঞ্চনা, অফুরন্ত প্রাচুর্য, প্রাপ্তি-অপ্রাপ্তি নিয়ে জাতির আশা-নিরাশার প্রতীক ঢাকা কীভাবে ভবিষ্যতের নাগরিকদের অধিকার এবং সামাজিক ন্যায়বিচার নিশ্চিত করতে পারবে?

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আগারগাও, শেরেবাংলা নগর

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ডা: আবদুল ইদ্রিসের শৈল্পিক
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যুগ্ম আলোচক :
ডা: আদনান ডিগ্রুর মোর্শেদ
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নগরায়ন নিয়ে তাঁর লেখিত বই 'Dhaka Delirium' আগামী মাসে প্রকাশিত হবে।
প্রফেসর আদনান ব্র্যাক ইন্সটিটিউট অব ইংল্যান্ডের অর্থনৈতিক ডিজাইন বিভাগে পরিচালক।

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প্রাক্তিকর হামান, স্থপতি নতশান এহসানুল হক, শিল্প সমালোচক মুহাম্মদ জাহান,
কথা সাহিত্যিক সাইদুল্লাহ মনন রতন, সাংবাদিক এর এম হুসেইন, আদনান উদ্যোগিক
প্রাক্তিক দর এবং নগর পরিকল্পনাবিদগণ।

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Ali Naqi, Vice- President (National Affairs) and Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan, Secretary (Environment & Urbanization).

25th EC IAB. Distinguished guests and attendees actively participated, sharing insights and ideas for creating a city that harmoniously integrates the voices and contributions of its residents.

The event served as a platform for architects, urban planners,

and city enthusiasts to explore innovative ideas and approaches to city development. The emphasis on collaborative city-building highlighted the significance of involving the community in shaping Dhaka's urban landscape.

The inaugural settlement speech marks the beginning of a series of events that aim to foster dialogue, creativity, and community engagement in the ongoing development of Dhaka.

CELEBRATING ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE

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2022



EXHIBITION

Date: June 1-6, 2023 | Time: 3pm-9pm

Venue: IAB Center, Agargaon



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BERGER AWARD EXHIBITION



The grand inauguration of the 10th Cycle of the Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture (BAEA 2022) projects' exhibition took place at the IAB Centre in Agargaon, Dhaka, on June 1, 2023. Open to the public until June 6, 2023, from 3 pm to 9 pm, the exhibition showcased 118 exceptional architectural projects from the prestigious BAEA competition. Ar. Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul, Vice-President (International Relations) of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), and Ms. Rupali Chowdhury, Managing Director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited,

graced the opening ceremony. Before the inauguration, a thought-provoking panel discussion moderated by Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi Vice- President (National Affairs) 25th EC IAB titled 'BAEA at 20 and Moving Forward' took place at IAB's Berger Seminar Hall. The discussion featured prominent figures in the field of architecture. The exhibition showcased 118 projects from the 10th Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture (BAEA) competition, acknowledging notable achievements in the field of architecture. This prestigious

award, initiated by Berger in collaboration with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), aims to celebrate remarkable architectural works. The event was well-organized by Deputy Award Director, Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, and Deputy Director Ar. Moushumi Ahmed, with support from members of the IAB Exhibition and Award Committee & BPBL. Ar. Qazi M. Arif, the Award Director of BAEA 2022, concluded the 10th cycle with closing remarks on behalf of the Award Directorate.

INAUGURAL MEETING OF IAB'S EXHIBITION AND AWARD COMMITTEE SETS VISION FOR 2023



The inaugural meeting of the Exhibition and Award Committee of the 25th Executive Council of the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (IAB) convened on May 11th at the IAB office, marking the beginning of strategic discussions and decisions for the upcoming year. During the meeting, a thorough discussion, exchange of views, and proposal considerations took place. The committee made crucial decisions regarding the organization of the Berger Award

in June and the IAB National Architecture Week and IAB Build Expo scheduled for November. Notably, the proposal to announce the IAB Award and IAB Gold Medal in 2023 received unanimous approval. A groundbreaking aspect of the meeting was the exploration of incorporating product design as a new category within the IAB Awards. The committee discussed the possibility of adding a product design section to the interior design category,

opening avenues for innovative recognition. The decision was made to further explore this possibility within the guidelines of the IAB Awards and IAB Interior Design Awards.

The meeting saw the active participation of distinguished members, including Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, Vice President (National Affairs) of the IAB 25th Executive Council, and Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan, General Secretary of the 25th Executive Council. Other esteemed members present were Ar. Sakib Ahsan Choudhury, Ar. Chowdhury Pratick Barua, Ar. Kamrul Hasan, Ar. Asif Ashraf, Ar. Naeem Bin Abedin, Ar. Md. Ismail Hasan, and Ar. Md. Tarek Abdullah, Member Secretary of the Exhibition and Award Committee.

The decisions made during this inaugural meeting reflect the collective vision of the committee to elevate architectural recognition and celebrate innovation within the industry.

IAB'S CPD COURSE EMPOWERS NEW MEMBERS : DHAKA MOHANAGAR IMARAT NIRMAN BIDHIMALA, 2008

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) is not only a proponent of architectural excellence but also a steadfast advocate for the continuous professional development of its members. In line with this commitment, IAB organized a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) course titled "Dhaka Mohanagar Imarat Nirman Bidhimala, 2008" on May 13, 2023, tailored to empower new architects entering the field. Ar. Waheed M Asif, a seasoned architect, took the lead in delivering a detailed presentation on "Dhaka Mohanagar Imarat Nirman Bidhimala, 2008." The workshop also benefited from the facilitation of Ar. Ahsanul

Haque Rubel, Secretary Membership, who guided a comprehensive discussion. This CPD course was designed to delve into the technical intricacies of the Building Act 2008 and explore its direct implications on the built environment. The course strategically focused on imparting practical knowledge, particularly concerning detailed floor area ratios and approval drawings. By addressing these critical components, the CPD course aimed to empower new members with a comprehensive understanding of the nuances of the Building Construction Act. IAB is committed to nurturing the

professional growth of its members, and this CPD course is just one example of their efforts to equip new architects with the knowledge and skills they need to excel in the field. IAB looks forward to creating more opportunities that foster professional growth and success for its members.

IAB 25TH EC PRESENTS "CRITICAL THINKING IN CRITICAL TIMES" WITH AR. MANON MOLLARD

Navigating the intricate challenges and opportunities of our times, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh's (IAB) 25th Executive Council (EC) orchestrated a compelling talk titled "Critical Thinking in Critical Times" on May 14th. Ar. Manon Mollard, Editor of The Architectural Review, graced the event with her profound insights. In a captivating discourse, she illuminated the profound role of criticism, transcending its conventional boundaries to interpret, denounce, and translate beyond mere publicization. True criticism, as she emphasized, extends its impact into societal, economic, political, and ecological realms, molding the architectural landscape in unforeseen ways. Drawing from the rich legacy of The Architectural Review, a venerable institution since 1896, Mollard delved into the publication's exploration of

intricate dynamics. The goal is to comprehend the reasoning and methods behind architectural creations, unveiling their global impact.

A graduate of the AA School of Architecture residing in London, Ar. Manon Mollard brought profound insights to the discourse. Her role as Editor of The Architectural Review and her active contributions to international publications showcase her commitment to advancing architectural dialogue. Additionally, her collaborations with prestigious institutions like the Royal Institute of British Architects and the Canadian Centre for Architecture, along with her role as a guest critic at architecture schools, further enrich the academic landscape. IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed were present at workshop and personally thanked Ar. Manon Mollard. IAB's initiative to host



this enlightening talk underscores its dedication to fostering critical thinking and thought leadership within the architectural community. By providing a platform for such engaging discussions, IAB continues to contribute to the intellectual growth and visionary outlook of its members.

IAB DELEGATION ADVOCATES INDUSTRY REJUVENATION IN MEETING WITH RAJUK LEADERSHIP

A proactive delegation from the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (IAB) engaged in crucial discussions on May 16, 2023, with two key figures at the helm of the Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (RAJUK). Separate meetings were held with Mr. Anisur Rahman Miah, Chairman of RAJUK, and Mr. Ashraf Islam, the Project Director for Detailed Area Planning (DAP). The IAB team, including General Secretary Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, discussed the ongoing construction industry challenges arising from DAP implementation. They stressed the need for reassessment and revision of DAP to reinvigorate the construction and housing sectors, suggesting a temporary suspension of DAP during this process.

Beyond DAP, IAB shared strong opinions on the Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC), proposed regulations, and the Electronic Construction Permitting System (ECPS). They reaffirmed their proposals for ECPS, leading to assurances from the RAJUK Chairman for prompt action and a forthcoming meeting involving IAB, IEB, and BIP representatives.

This bilateral discussion highlights the commitment of the Bangladesh Institute of Architects to support RAJUK in formulating and implementing policies for sustainable, environmentally friendly architecture and well-planned urbanization. It addresses the challenges faced by the construction industry, paving the way for productive solutions.



IAB FACILITATES EXAM PREPARATION WITH CPD WORKSHOP FOR NEW MEMBERS



In its ongoing commitment to the professional development of its members, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) organized a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) workshop on May 18, 2023. This specialized workshop aimed to prepare applicants for the upcoming 3rd written test, focusing on ensuring a comprehensive understanding of

the Dhaka Metropolitan Building (Construction, Development, Preservation, and Removal) Rules 2008.

The workshop, led by the seasoned architect Ar. Waheed M Asif, offered participants a unique opportunity to engage in comprehensive discussions. Ar. Waheed M Asif's expertise provided valuable insights into the intricacies of the Dhaka

Metropolitan Building Rules, ensuring that candidates were well-prepared for the examination.

Ar. Ahsanul Haque Rubel, Secretary Membership, played a crucial role in the workshop by delivering a detailed presentation. This presentation not only clarified candidates' concepts but also provided a thorough understanding of the procedures they would encounter in the upcoming examination.

By offering targeted preparatory sessions, IAB ensures that new members are equipped with the knowledge and understanding needed to succeed in their examinations. As the workshop concluded, participants expressed gratitude for the insightful discussions and the opportunity to interact directly with experienced professionals.

IAB AND BIP COLLABORATE IN A JOINT MEETING: DAP 2023



In a significant collaboration, the Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) and the 25th Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) joined forces for a fruitful meeting on the evening of May 18, 2023. Held at the IAB Centre, the session, presided over by IAB Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Prof. Muhammad Ali Naqi, served as a platform for a sincere and cordial discussion on various aspects of the Detailed Area Plan (DAP).

The two-hour long meeting witnessed the active participation of members from both organizations, including some members of the DAP sub-committees and the IAB Executive Council. Representing BIP were General Secretary Sheikh Mohammad Mehdi Ahsan, Joint Secretary Mohammad Russell Kabir, and Treasurer Mohammad Molehuddin Hassan. Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan, Secretary (Environment & Urbanization), IAB

25th EC, delivered a concise yet comprehensive presentation on IAB's proposals for DAP. The BIP members found the presentation highly informative and expressed appreciation for its relevance to further planning and actions.

The discussion extended to other critical topics, including the smooth implementation of the Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC), proposed regulations, and the Electronic Construction Permitting System (ECPs).

This bilateral dialogue emphasized mutual understanding and cooperation in formulating and implementing essential policies for fair and well-planned urbanization, underscoring the commitment of both organizations to address urban planning challenges effectively.

3RD WRITTEN TEST FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP: NEW EXAM FORMAT

On May 20, 2023, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) marked a significant milestone by conducting the 3rd written test for admission to full membership under the 25th Executive Council. Held at the IAB CENTER, this examination witnessed the active participation of 130 associate members eager to advance their architectural careers.

In a pioneering move, the examination introduced Admit Cards and Candidate Codes for the first time. This innovative approach aims to streamline the examination process and enhance fairness. Candidates will now be identified solely by the code number mentioned on the card, ensuring impartial evaluation of the examination. This modernization of the question paper provides candidates with a



comprehensive understanding of the rules essential for full membership.

The enthusiasm and positive response from the candidates during this examination reflect a promising step forward for the 25th Executive Council. The introduction of the new examination structure aligns with

IAB's commitment to nurturing architectural excellence and ensuring a fair and transparent assessment process.

As the examination concluded, candidates expressed appreciation for the innovative changes, emphasizing the positive impact on the overall examination experience.

OVERSEAS CHAPTER A NEW BEGINNING

In a significant move towards global collaboration, an essential meeting was convened on May 20, 2023, by the Canada Bangladesh Architects Working Committee, with IAB presiding. The discussion centered around the feasibility of establishing a IAB Canada chapter in collaboration with local architects.

The meeting brought together key figures, including Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Sabbir Ahmed, President of the 25th Executive Council of IAB, and Ar. Khan Md Mahfuzul Haque, Vice President (International Relations) of the 25th Executive Council who joined online. It was marked a significant step in exploring the immense potential for Bangladeshi architects. Several committee members attended the meeting, including Ar. Anwarul Habib, Ar. Faria Latif, Ar. Kanishta Khan, Ar. Ahsan Ali (Duldul), Ar. Ul Azim Par (Parvez), Ar. Abdullah Al Zubair, Ar. Mushtaq Sarwar, Ar.

Ali Aurangzeb (ZIP), Ar. Aksin Ahmed Siddiqui, Ar. Mushtaq Rabi, and Ar. Nubras Samayin. Their active participation and discussions paved the way for the advancement of this vital initiative.

As IAB explores the possibility of establishing a chapter in Canada, this meeting exemplifies IAB's commitment to fostering collaboration among architects, transcending geographical boundaries, and promoting

architectural excellence worldwide.



URBAN RESILIENCE

A COLLABORATION OF RAJUK WITH IAB, IEB, AND BIP



Urban Resilience Project
RAJUK Part

On Sunday, May 21, 2023, the Capital Development Authority (RAJUK) held a pivotal meeting with representatives from the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (IAB), The Institution of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB), and the Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) to address "Urban Resilience." The Honorable Chairman of RAJUK, Mr. Md. Anichur Rahman Mia, chaired the meeting. The meeting featured the participation of key officials, including Engr. Abdul Latif Helali

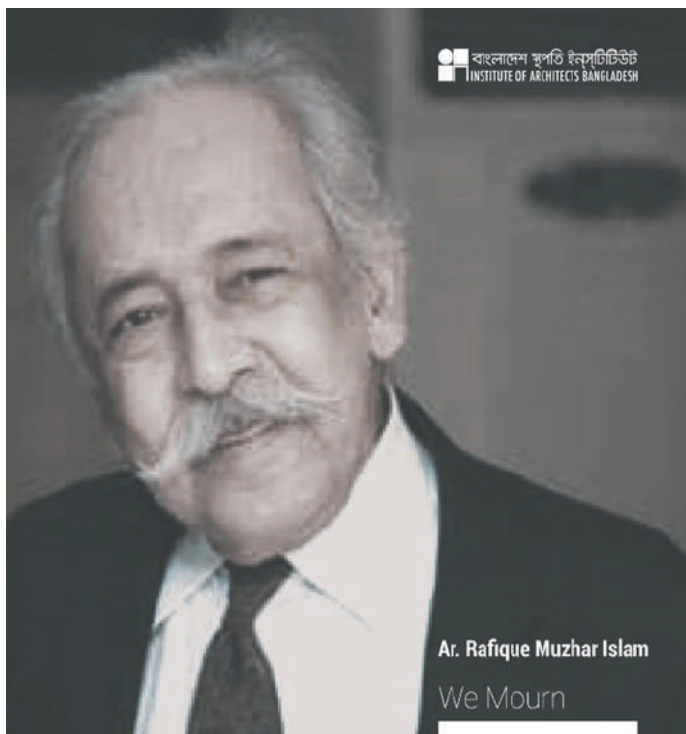


(Project Director, Urban Resilience Project) and Mr. Ashraful Islam (Project Director, Detailed Area Planning). IAB was represented by Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, Institute Vice President (National Affairs), Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, General Secretary, and Ar. Nazmul Haque Bulbul, Secretary (Profession). The two-hour discussion primarily revolved around the effective implementation of the Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC) to enhance urban

resilience, emphasizing the need for comprehensive supervision during all construction phases, particularly in Dhaka, where haphazard construction is prevalent. IAB stressed the importance of bringing such construction projects under proper planning and ensuring diligent supervision. The meeting also explored the Electronic Construction Permitting System (ECPS), with IAB suggesting the inclusion of a "Preliminary Architectural Design Approval" step in ECPS between "Land Use Clearance (LUC)" and "Construction Permit (CP)" to streamline processes and reduce labor and expenses. The meeting's conclusion saw RAJUK acknowledging IAB's proposal and committing to swift implementation, emphasizing the significance of ECPS for architects and consultants. This collaborative effort underscores the dedication to advancing urban resilience in the capital.

IN MEMORIAM

ARCHITECT RAFIQ MAZHAR ISLAM



With profound sadness, IAB announces the passing of Ar. Rafique Muzhar Islam, son of the first President of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Ar. Muzharul Islam. Ar. Rafique Muzhar Islam departed from us on May 29, 2023, at Impulse Hospital in the capital, following a prolonged battle with kidney complications. He was 75 years old. Ar. Rafique Muzhar Islam, who studied architecture in the US, has passed away after 40 years in America. His contributions to the architectural community will be remembered, and the IAB extends its deepest condolences to his family. Ar. Rafique Muzhar Islam will be greatly missed.

IAB CONGRATULATES NEW IEB LEADERSHIP FOR 2023-2024 TERM

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) extends warm congratulations to Engr. Md. Abdur Sabur, the newly elected President of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), and the entire Executive Committee for the 2023-2024 term. The congratulatory message was conveyed during a bilateral meeting held on May 30, 2023, with Engr. Manjurul Haque Manju, the outgoing President of IEB.

The IAB delegation, including General Secretary Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, Secretary (Profession) Ar. Nazmul Haque Bulbul, Secretary (Environment and Urbanization) Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan and Ar. Abu Musa Iftekhar, actively engaged in discussions aimed at



strengthening collaboration between IAB and IEB. The focus was on contributing more effectively to the development and modernization of Bangladesh's construction industry.

IAB expresses confidence that under the new leadership of Engr. Md. Abdur Sabur and the 2023-2024 Executive

Committee, the ongoing initiatives of IEB will gain greater momentum. The meeting reinforced the enduring relationship between the two professional organizations, highlighting a promising and fruitful partnership for the continued development of Bangladesh's construction industry.

GLOBAL ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS DAY 2023 FOSTERING UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) 2023 was commemorated in Dhaka through a collaborative event organized by B-SCAN, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), and supported by EMK.

The occasion witnessed the active participation of Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan, General Secretary of the IAB 25th Executive Council, emphasizing the critical journey towards universal accessibility and inclusivity. This event, jointly organized by B-SCAN, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), and supported by EMK, saw the participation of Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan, General Secretary (IAB 25th EC), stressing the importance of universal accessibility on 30th May at IAB Center.

Key presentations by B-SCAN and MAS Studio, including the launch of the "Bangla Universal Accessibility Guideline," were followed by a panel discussion with industry experts.

Actionable takeaways included:

- Collaboration with Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) for internships.
- Government oversight of Universal Accessibility in public buildings.
- Certification for accessibility in various establishments by eligible OPDs.
- Inclusive representation of OPDs in the BNBC committee.
- Pre-opening access audits for new public establishments.
- Accessibility materials availability.
- Recognition of GAAD.
- Advocacy and action regarding

the National Action Plan 2019 of the Persons with Disabilities Rights and Protection Act.

- Collaborative research on accessibility.
- Appointment of Accessibility Officers in government departments.

The event concluded with a closing remark, emphasizing the commitment to universal accessibility and sustainable development. This GAAD 2023 program showcased the power of collaboration and the shared vision for a more inclusive future.

PRESERVING DHAKA'S RESERVOIRS AND GREEN SPACES

BIP AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FORUM HOST ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION



In commemoration of World Environment Day, the Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) and the Urban Development Journalist Forum organized a significant round table discussion titled "Reservoir and Green Pollution of the Capital in 28 Years: Reality and Roadmap for Transition" on June 3, 2023, in Dhaka. Notable attendees included Ar.

Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, Vice President (National Affairs) of the IAB 25th Executive Council, Mr. Md. Tajul Islam MP, Minister of Local Government Development and Cooperatives, and Mr. Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP, President of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. Planner Sheikh Muhammad

Mehdi Hasan delivered the keynote address, outlining the critical situation and presenting solutions. The meeting provided a platform for discussing the challenges and opportunities in preserving and enhancing Dhaka's reservoirs and green spaces.

The round table included distinguished figures such as Mr. Md. Anisur Rahman Mia, Chairman of the Capital Development Authority (RAJUK), Mr. Sultana Kamal, Advisor and former Caretaker Government representative, Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, President of the Society of Experts on Environment Development (SEED), and other environmental experts, academics, and journalists.

The event aimed to address the current state of Dhaka's reservoirs and green areas while charting a course for their future development and conservation.

IAB PAVES THE WAY FOR MEMBERS' SECURITY WITH TAILORED INSURANCE POLICIES

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- Project Liability Insurance
- Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Employee/Staff Benefit Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Group Insurance

By delving into the nuances of insurance policies, IAB aims to fortify the professional security of its members. This commitment underscores the institute's dedication to addressing the dynamic requirements of architects in their multifaceted roles.

The goal is to establish well-structured insurance plans,

fostering a secure and thriving environment for architects. IAB remains steadfast in its mission to secure the professional journey of its members through tailor-made insurance solutions.



IAB AUSTRALIA CHAPTER!

BANGLADESH ARCHITECTS EXPLORE PROSPECTS IN COLLABORATION WITH IAB

In a significant development, a crucial meeting was held on June 8, 2023, between the local committee of Australia Bangladesh Architects and the President of the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (IAB). The primary agenda of this virtual meeting was to delve into the possibilities of establishing an IAB chapter in Australia, in collaboration with local architects.

The online session witnessed the active participation of Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Sabbir Ahmed, the President of the 25th Executive Council of IAB, and Ar. Khan Md Mahfuzul Haque, Vice President (International Relations) of the 25th Executive Council. The discussions that unfolded during this meeting shed light on the significant potential for Bangladeshi and Bangladeshi-origin architects residing in Australia, outlining the numerous opportunities and



objectives of this initiative. Prominent members present at the meeting included Mizanur Rashid (President, Bangladeshi Architects in Australia), Shamsul Huda (Vice-President, International), Samik Wise (General Secretary), Tanveer Ahmed (Ex-General Secretary), Jalal Anis (Ex-President), Asaduzzaman Russell (Executive Member), and Rukhsana Afroz (Member). This gathering marked

a crucial milestone in fortifying the collaboration between IAB and architects in Australia, fostering an environment conducive to professional growth and engagement.

This initiative signifies a promising step forward in establishing a strong IAB presence internationally, promoting architectural excellence, and creating avenues for architects to thrive on a global platform.

IAB AND DBL GROUP FORGE STRONGER TIES

In a significant stride towards advancing the architectural landscape, the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (IAB) Executive Council hosted a collaborative meeting with senior officials from DBL Group on June 8, 2023, at the IAB Centre. The engaging discussion paved the way for a more robust partnership aimed at fostering innovation and excellence in the construction industry. DBL Group expressed commendation for IAB's impactful initiatives and showcased a keen interest in deepening their involvement in future projects. Notably, DBL Group affirmed its commitment to supporting the upcoming IAB

National Convention in 2023 and actively participating in the IAB Build-Expo scheduled for November. This collaboration is poised to propel the growth of the construction sector. Demonstrating a positive outlook, DBL Group expressed its willingness to support research and creative activities related to education and professional practice within the architectural realm. This endorsement underscores the shared commitment to nurturing innovation and excellence. As part of its ongoing efforts to foster collaboration and growth, IAB warmly welcomes patrons, especially those contributing to the building materials market.



This strategic collaboration marks a significant milestone, reinforcing the bonds between IAB and DBL Group, with a shared vision of propelling the construction and architectural sectors to new heights.

PRESERVING ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

IAB'S STRATEGIC MEETING SETS COURSE FOR THE FUTURE



In a crucial meeting on June 10, 2023, the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (IAB) Committee on Heritage and Culture, led by Ar. Ziaul Sharif, Secretary (Heritage & Culture) 25th IAB Executive Council, convened with the Advisory Committee on Architectural Heritage. The session, featuring both in-person and online attendees, focused on pivotal agenda items aimed at shaping the future of heritage preservation. Distinguished figures, including Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Bikash Saud Ansary, Professor Bulbul Ahmed, and others, participated in the meeting. Key agenda items included the establishment of criteria for Modern Heritage, the creation of an archive for heritage-based academic projects, collaboration with UNESCO, and initiatives to enhance heritage awareness. Discussions emphasized the

need for a comprehensive framework to evaluate modern heritage sites. Criteria encompassed architectural innovation, cultural significance, historical context, rarity, aesthetics, community value, and technological contributions. The meeting underscored the importance of a robust assessment process to identify and safeguard architectural gems. Plans for collaboration with UNESCO, capacity-building activities, and the development of a concept note for future cooperation were key highlights. The meeting highlighted the significance of stakeholder consultation in heritage conservation and proposed the introduction of a conservation and heritage course. During an open discussion, advisors and committee members presented invaluable

ideas, reaffirming IAB's commitment to preserving Bangladesh's rich architectural heritage. The meeting concluded with a renewed sense of purpose and a strategic roadmap for future endeavors in heritage conservation.

IAB AND EBL UNVEIL EMPOWERING CO-BRAND CARD FOR MEMBERS



In a groundbreaking collaboration, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Eastern Bank Ltd. (EBL) on June 12, 2023. This strategic partnership introduces the IAB EBL Co-Brand Card, an exclusive offering that provides IAB members access to the privileges offered by EBL Visa Signature and Visa Platinum Credit Cards.

MoU Signing Ceremony:

The official signing ceremony took place at the IAB Center, with General Secretary Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan representing IAB and Mr. M Khorshed Anwar, Deputy Managing Director, and Head of Retail at EBL, signing on behalf of the bank.
Chief Guest and Dignitaries: Ar.

Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, President of the 25th Executive Council of IAB, graced the event as the chief guest. The program was conducted by Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, Assistant General Secretary of IAB 25TH EC.

Exclusive Co-Branded Design:

The occasion marked the unveiling of a new co-branded credit card design featuring the IAB logo; designed by IAB publication team led by Ar. Md. Shafiu Azam Shamim, Secretary, Publication and Publicity, IAB. This design symbolizes the commitment of collaboration to empower architects and enhance their financial opportunities. The IAB EBL Co-Brand Card represents more than a financial instrument; it's a testament to

the commitment of IAB and EBL to support architects in their professional journeys. The card offers a range of financial advantages and privileges, fostering a stronger relationship between the two entities. This strategic collaboration underscores the dedication of IAB and EBL to empower architects, providing them with exclusive financial benefits and opportunities.

IAB CONDUCTS 4TH FULL MEMBERSHIP INDUCTION WRITTEN TEST



The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) conducted a written test on June 15, 2023 for the induction of 85 associate members into the 4th full membership under the 25th Executive Council. Examination Preparation Workshop: To ensure candidates were well-prepared and had a clear understanding of the examination criteria, an Examination Preparation Workshop was organized on June 8, 2023. The workshop, focusing on the Dhaka Metropolitan Buildings (Construction, Development, Preservation, and Removal) Rules 2008, featured an in-depth discussion led by Ar. Kawsary Perveen. Additionally, Ar. Ahsanul Haque Rubel, Secretary

of Membership, IAB 25th EC, provided valuable insights into the examination system. Enthusiastic Participation: Candidates approached the examination with enthusiasm and dedication, reflecting their commitment to advancing in their architectural careers and achieving full membership with IAB. The active engagement in the Examination Preparation Workshop underscored the aspirants' determination to excel in the test. This event marks another significant milestone in the journey of associate members towards obtaining full membership with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh.

IAB DELEGATION HOLDS CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING WITH BPSC CHAIRMAN



A delegation from the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (IAB), led by President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandkar Sabbir Ahmed, engaged in a productive meeting with Mr. Md. Sohrab Hossain, Chairman of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission (BPSC). The meeting, held on June 15, 2023, at 3:00 pm in Agargaon, featured discussions on the impactful role of architects in national development and the physical infrastructure sector. The IAB delegation included Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Md. Ali Naqi and General Secretary Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, showcasing a united front in presenting the institute's perspectives and recommendations. During the meeting, the delegation emphasized the significant contributions of architects to the country's development and infrastructure construction. The BPSC Chairman commended the constructive role played by architects in shaping the physical landscape of Bangladesh.

The IAB delegation presented a "Concept Paper" that provided clear recommendations on enhancing opportunities for architects in government positions. The Chairman of BPSC lauded the thoughtful suggestions and shared valuable insights on potential steps that could be taken. Discussions also revolved around the possibility of including architects in the professional cadre service of the Bangladesh Civil Service. The Chairman acknowledged the potential benefits, foreseeing improved planning and urbanization in various developmental activities. While recognizing that the process might be time-consuming, the BPSC Chairman expressed his willingness to provide full support to any steps initiated by IAB in this regard. The meeting concluded with the delegation presenting a greeting card to the BPSC Chairman, symbolizing goodwill, and collaboration between IAB and BPSC. This meeting signifies a

positive step forward in strengthening the relationship between architects and governmental bodies, fostering mutual understanding and cooperation.

WORLD MUSIC DAY

HARMONIOUS CELEBRATIONS: IAB'S TRIBUTE TO WORLD MUSIC DAY



On June 21, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) orchestrated a melodious evening in honor of World Music Day, themed "Music must be free; doubtless." The celebration commenced with an enchanting DOTARA performance by AR. Nayeem Ahmed Kibria, setting the stage for a vibrant musical journey. The event beautifully showcased an array of musical genres, including modern, band, pop,

jazz, folk, Nazrul Geeti, and Rabindra Sangeet. World Music Day, originating in Europe in 1985, is now a global celebration of music's art and cultural diversity. This event was a harmonious convergence, uniting 110 countries worldwide in their shared love for the universal language of music. The event was graced by the presence of IAB's Vice President for National Affairs, Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, and its

Secretary for Heritage and Culture, Mohammed Ziaul Sharif, who added to the evening's musical splendor. In the spirit of World Music Day, IAB's celebration was a harmonious tribute to the universal language that transcends boundaries and unites hearts through the enchantment of music.

IAB'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) continues its unwavering commitment to professional growth through regular Continuing Professional Development (CPD) seminars. The most recent seminar on "Building Code Compliance," held on June 24, 2023, at the IAB Center, exemplifies IAB's dedication to elevating the knowledge and skills of architects.

Regular Learning Opportunities: IAB organizes CPD seminars consistently, providing architects with updated knowledge on

regulations, best practices, and emerging trends. Renowned architects and industry professionals lead these seminars, offering in-depth insights and practical knowledge. The seminars cover diverse topics, ensuring architects enhance their expertise in various areas of architectural practice. Interactive Learning: The sessions promote an interactive environment, encouraging discussions and knowledge-sharing among attendees.

IAB's CPD seminars aim to

elevate professional standards, empowering architects with tools and knowledge for career excellence. These initiatives contribute to the growth and advancement of the architectural profession in Bangladesh. Architects and professionals are invited to actively participate in these CPD seminars, staying at the forefront of architectural innovation and best practices. complexities and nuances of building code compliance within the architectural community.

IAB CHAPTER-USA A MOMENTOUS DISCUSSION IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK

In a significant gathering, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) embarked on discussions regarding the inauguration of the IAB Chapter-USA. The meeting convened on the morning of June 25, 2023, in the vibrant setting of 1180 6th Avenue, Manhattan, NY.

Representing IAB, Ar. Khan Md. Mahfuzul Huq, Vice-President for International Relations, actively engaged with Bangladeshi architects in New York.

Additionally, IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed joined the meeting through a digital platform. Among the distinguished attendees were prominent architects from New York, including AR. Manzurul Huq, Ar. AH Ziauddin, Ar. Kayesh Tanim, Ar. Mahfil Ali, and Ar. Nafisa Iqbal.

The discussions encompassed various crucial aspects of launching the IAB USA chapter, emphasizing its multifaceted benefits for members. Ar. Khan, as the 25th Executive Council Vice President of IAB, consistently underscored the importance of inclusiveness within the IAB community. President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed shed light on the contributions IAB



members can make to their alma mater and the reciprocal support that IAB can offer.

This gathering marked a momentous step towards the establishment of the IAB Chapter-USA, promising to strengthen the bonds between IAB and its members in the

United States. It was a collaborative effort, demonstrating the collective commitment to advancing the architectural profession and fostering a strong global network of architects.

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FROM SECRETARY PROFESSION'S DESK

IAB LEADS THE WAY IN SHAPING PROFESSION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SHAPING URBAN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH CODE & STANDARDS REVIEW

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) is playing a pivotal and impactful role in Bangladesh's ever-evolving construction and urban planning sector. In an era marked by rapid developments and changes, the IAB's dedication to reviewing and implementing vital regulations such as the Dhaka Detail Plan (DAP), Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC), Public Procurement Rule (PPR), and Imarat Nirman Bidhimala is paramount.

To effectively champion these regulatory efforts, the 25th Executive Council (EC) has assembled several committees, each dedicated to addressing specific facets of urban planning and construction regulation. Notably, the IAB's tireless endeavors have already borne fruit, with achievements like the reviewed and gazetted Dhaka Detail Plan (DAP). The commitment of the IAB ensures safe, sustainable, and well-regulated urban development, catering to the needs of both users and stakeholders. The institute looks forward to continued success in reviewing other codes and standards, further enhancing Bangladesh's urban landscape. IAB's Role in Monitoring Building Approval Process

In the realm of architectural and building development, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has made significant strides in collaboration with various government bodies. The primary goal is to ensure that buildings across Bangladesh adhere to the Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC), Imarat Nirman Vidhimala 1996, 2008, and other fire and life

safety rules. This collaborative effort aims to create a safer and more compliant built environment, enhancing architectural and structural standards throughout the country.

Exploring Job Opportunities for Architects
IAB is actively evaluating job opportunities for architects within various government agencies. Their efforts include seeking potential workspace and collaborators, developing proposals, and establishing relationships with these agencies. Additionally, IAB is working to establish an architect cadre service in collaboration with the Bangladesh Public Service Commission, providing architects with unique career opportunities within the public sector.

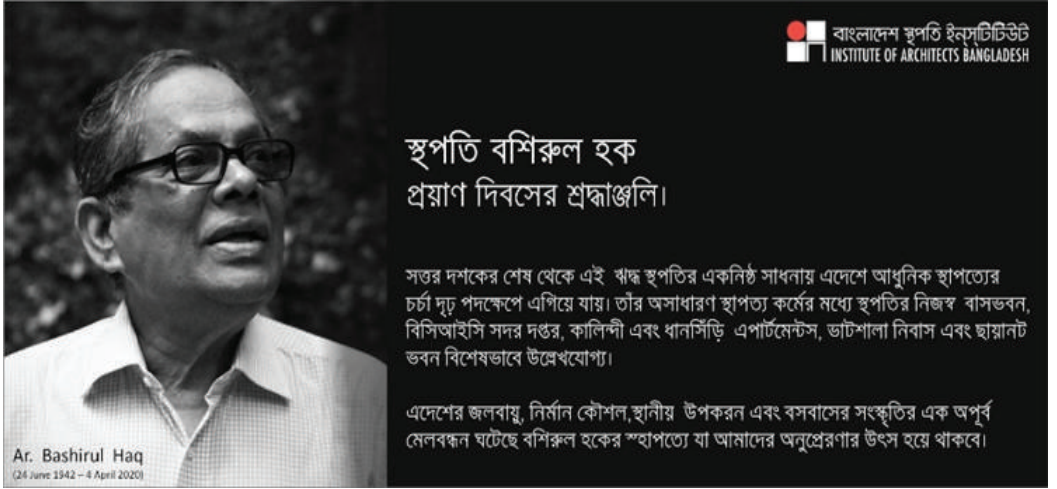
Promoting Excellence Through Design Competitions
The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) stands as a formidable advocate for architectural excellence and innovation throughout Bangladesh. Through collaborative efforts with both public and private sectors, the IAB plays a pivotal role in fostering creativity and pushing the boundaries of architectural design. By organizing design competitions. These competitions have a far-reaching impact, fueling advancements in architectural innovation, nurturing creativity, and contributing to the overall development of the architectural field. This commitment enriches not only the architectural profession but also society at large. With the successful launch of several competitions and more on the

horizon, the IAB's ongoing efforts to formulate competition guidelines demonstrate their dedication to transparency and inclusivity. These guidelines will pave the way for design competitions that are not only accessible but also truly participatory, further enhancing the culture of design excellence in Bangladesh.

Empowering Women in Architectural Practice
Diversity and inclusion are at the forefront of IAB's mission, with a particular focus on empowering women in architectural practice. Through initiatives such as Women in Architecture forums and seminars, advocacy for gender equality, research on gender disparities, and promoting inclusive work environments, IAB is dedicated to fostering a more equitable architectural community. The institute is also working to secure government support for architectural firms owned or led by female architects and recognizes outstanding contributions through specialized awards, bridging the gender gap in the field and celebrating the achievements of women architects.

These comprehensive efforts reflect IAB's unwavering commitment to advancing the architectural profession, promoting safety and sustainability, and building a more inclusive and vibrant architectural community in Bangladesh.

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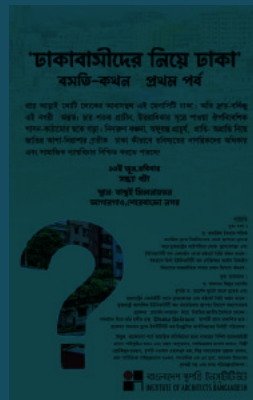
The grand inauguration of the 10th Cycle of the Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture (BAEA 2022) projects' exhibition took place at the IAB Centre in Agargaon, Dhaka, on June 1, 2023. ... **PAGE 20**



In a significant move towards global collaboration, an essential meeting was convened on May 20, 2023, by the Canada Bangladesh Architects Working Committee, with IAB presiding ... **PAGE 25**



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The 25th Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has orchestrated a groundbreaking program on "Seismic-Resisting Structures," featuring lectures, workshops, and masterclasses to elevate our understanding of earthquake-resistant design. The esteemed Associate Professor Andrew Charleson from Victoria University of Wellington played a pivotal role, presenting the main article in the program... **PAGE 12**