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Dear Members,

As we embark on the second year of our tenure as the 25th Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), this edition marks the beginning of another chapter filled with renewed commitment and enthusiasm. It is a time to reflect on the journey we have undertaken together, highlighting the milestones achieved and the challenges overcome, while setting our vision for the future.

This issue pays homage to the tireless efforts of our members and the significant strides made both locally and internationally. From President Regina Gonthier's presentation at the Building and Climate Global Forum, where the importance of architectural engagement in global climate initiatives was reinforced, to the establishment of the IAB Photo Archive Committee and the critical steps taken toward international accreditation, we are reminded of the diversity of our initiatives.

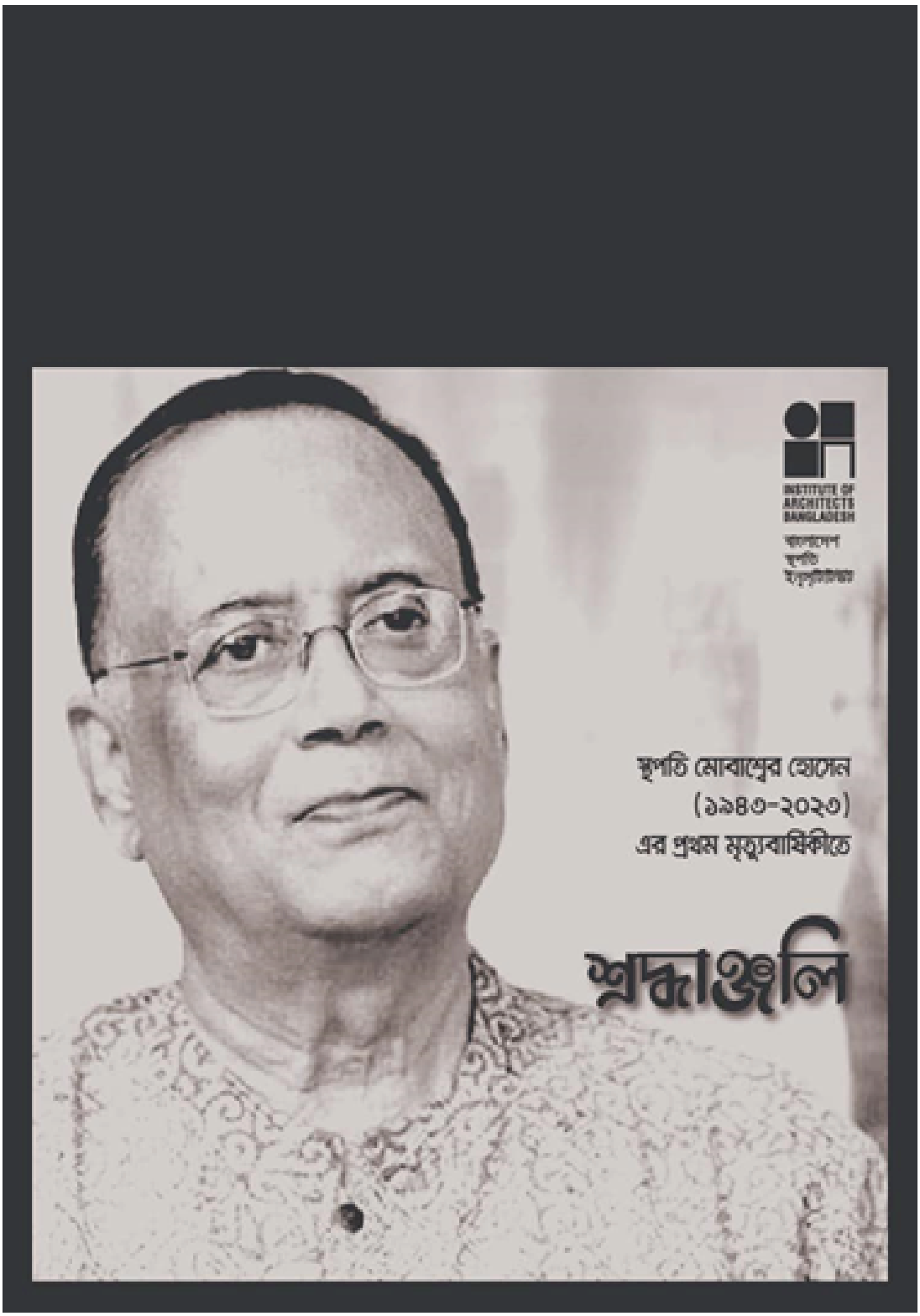
The newsletter also highlights the IAB's proactive stance on social responsibility, evidenced by our ongoing 100 Homes Project for marginalized communities and our solidarity with global causes such as Gaza. Furthermore, we are proud to celebrate the numerous awards and recognitions that continue to showcase the strength of Bangladeshi architects on the global stage.

As we step into this new year of our tenure, we are reminded of our shared responsibility to uphold the values of architecture, not only as a profession but as a powerful tool for societal change. I invite you to explore the wide array of events, initiatives, and achievements captured in this edition, which embody the dynamic spirit of our Institute and our collective resolve to shape a better tomorrow.

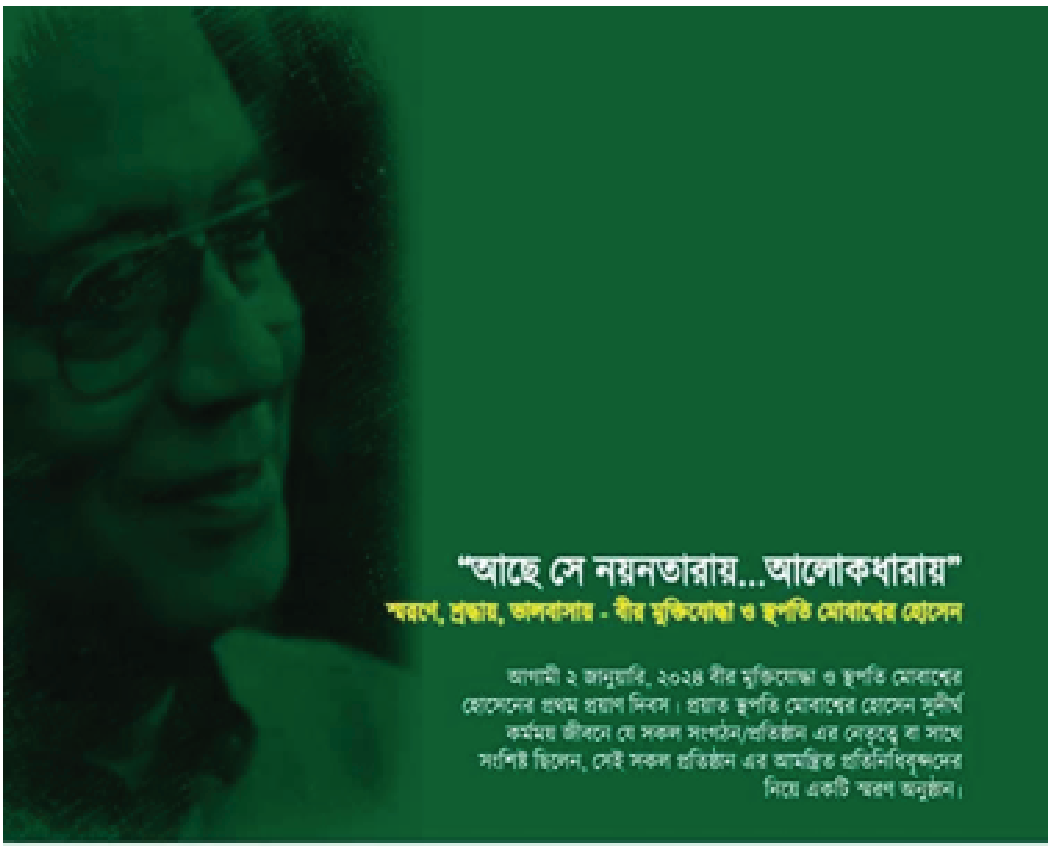
Warm regards,

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First death anniversary of heroic freedom fighter Ar Mubasshar Hussein



TRIBUTE TO AR MUBASSHAR HUSSEIN (1943-2023)
ON HIS FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY



January 2, 2024 is the first death anniversary of heroic freedom fighter and Ar Mubasshar Hussein.
A memorial service has been organized on his death anniversary to pay tribute to this illustrious architect who devoted himself to multifaceted activities throughout his life. The invited representatives of all the organizations/institutions that the late Ar Mubasshar Hussein led or associated with in his long working life has been participate in this commemoration ceremony.

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FORMATION OF IAB PHOTO ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

IAB has made a decision to initiate an online PHOTO ARCHIVE encompassing all existing photographs of IAB programmes, events, and assemblies from its inception. Undertaking this colossal task, the inaugural meeting of IAB PHOTO ARCHIVE COMMITTEE took place at the IAB Centre yesterday.
Shortly, members will be contacted to contribute their photo collections for inclusion in this archive.



A TRIUMPH IN SEOUL WINNING DESIGN AT INTERNATIONAL GARDEN SHOW 2024

Ar. MD Ashraful Azad has emerged victorious in the highly esteemed Seoul International Garden Show 2024, surpassing 113 global submissions. The competition, organized by the Seoul Metropolitan Government, showcased the talents of 10 winning teams tasked with crafting captivating garden pavilions along the picturesque Han River in Seoul's Ttukseom Park.
Azad's winning design, titled "Be Bored, Meditate, and Appreciate," captivated judges and spectators alike at Site B7 in Ttukseom Park. His innovative approach and meticulous attention to detail distinguished his entry from the competition, earning him the prestigious Gold Award.
The Seoul International Garden Show serves as a platform for architects and designers worldwide to showcase their creativity and vision for sustainable urban landscapes. Azad's triumph underscores his exceptional talent and dedication to creating inspiring outdoor spaces that harmonize with their surroundings.
The inauguration ceremony, scheduled for May 16th, will honor Azad and fellow winners, celebrating their contributions to the realm of landscape architecture. Azad's achievement not only brings recognition to his individual prowess but also highlights Bangladesh's presence on the global stage of design and innovation.



100 HOMES FOR MARGINALIZED RURAL COMMUNITIES

A survey team of 15 members of Basthai's "100 houses project" went to Kachua upazila of Bagerhat district in May this year. Under the supervision of Shibu Basu, an architect and Khulna University architecture teacher, the group visited the houses of marginalized villagers in various villages.
Alhamdulillah, finally using the special fund collected by Basthai and designed by 100 HOMES DESIGN TEAM, a total of 7 houses have been constructed. These houses have been built under the direct supervision of architect Shibu Bose, involving the local community at all levels. One thing to note here is that the entire cost of travel, accommodation and supervision of the entire team of Basthai to build it was borne by all the architects from their own pockets, no money was taken from the donation money for the house or from the Basthai itself. Some of the members of the design team are mentioned here:

1. Architect Shibu Bose (PhD on Rural Architecture)
2. Architect: Masud Rashid (Received PhD on Rural Architecture of South Bengal, Head of Department Saith East University)
3. Architect Vikas Saud Ansari (Former Head of Department Bangladesh University)
4. Architect Mahfuzul Haque Jaglul (Chairman, Social Responsibility Committee)
5. Architect Sheikh Md. Rezwan (Associate Head, Daffodil University)
6. Renowned engineer Shamsul Alam Bitu

Besides, architect Kazi Nasir (former Principal Architect DOA and former president of Basthai) was attached as an advisor to the design team at various stages. Besides, several junior architects and students worked as collaborators in this team.

In charge of project documentation and survey records:

- Department of Architecture, Khulna University
- Architect Professor Sheikh Serazul Hakim Upal
- (Department Head, Khulna University)
- In collaboration with: 3 Masters students of Khulna University

The design team initially decided that each project would incorporate some new elements into the design research. The three issues that are taken into consideration in this project are:

1. As this region of South Bengal is known for very high tides and record inundation, it was decided to provide a brick enclosure around the earthen plinth to increase the stability of the house plinth so that the plinth is not permanently damaged by high tides and short term inundation. Structural Engineer Shamsul Alam designed this enclosure of Bitu

Brick. The enclosure where the wooden stilts sit is provided with a concrete base to which the stilts are attached with iron metal sheets to prevent the house from displacing during storms as the area has been hit by many severe storms and floods in the past including Sidor, Ila.

2. The second thing that is done here is under the direct supervision of Dr. Nazrul Islam, Professor of Forestry and Wood Technology Discipline of Khulna University and with the help of architect Shibu Bose, the local lagsai technology and treatment tanks are constructed to treat the wood so that the durability of the wood used in the houses can be increased.

3. The third thing that is done here is to reduce the use of CI sheet in the outer partition, increase the use of wood and use the porous mesh in the wood for ventilation so that the temperature in the room is lower.

4. Besides, Engineer Bitu sahib is carrying out research to make plinth of tidal water resistant soil by mixing 5% cement with local soil.

In the design, canals, bills, rivers, other reservoirs, plants, orientation of the house, history and record of past natural calamities of the area, their family and financial reality and the location and interrelationship of the surrounding community and their relatives have been specially taken into consideration in the design.

Many more creative ideas could have been included here, but we prefer not to explore many new ideas in the same project but to move slowly.

Community Participation:

The participation of the general public of the area i.e. the local community was very significant in the implementation of this house with the complete project. First, the soil filling of the plinth was done almost entirely by local community volunteers.

The wood needed to build the entire 7 houses is collected by the local community from the entire area to select good trees and collect good quality seasoned wood at a very cheap price.

In addition, the local people fully come forward and cooperate in treating the wood mentioned earlier.

Attempts to beautify the plinths by using red oxide on the plinths of many houses or carving various folk designs on the wood were done by the community members themselves, without the intervention of Basthai's design team. At the end of the day the design of the house is the product of collective thinking and participation of Vasthai's design team and local vernacular wisdom and community. We wanted to respect the aesthetic sense of the local people and consider it as a field of new thinking.

Our next project is about 21 houses in Bhola, already a team of about 30 members has visited remote areas of Bhola. Architect Abdus Sobhan, Architect Kazi Arif, Architect Bayezid Khandkar, Architect Alamgir Jalil, Architect Prateek Barua and many others have joined us in the design team of this project. Any architect can be associated with these projects and any citizen of this country can financially support us in this work. All of you are once again invited to join the 100 HOMES team.







IAB WORKING COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION



The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) convened its Working Committee for International Accreditation on January 8, 2024, at the IAB Center in Dhaka. Chaired by Architect Dr. Mahbubur Rahman, the meeting focused on advancing the accreditation agenda, particularly concerning the Canberra Accord.

Led by esteemed members of the architectural community, the committee deliberated on international accreditation standards and practices. Emphasizing alignment with the Canberra Accord, a pivotal international agreement facilitating mutual recognition of architectural qualifications, participants engaged in discussions aimed at ensuring compliance with global accreditation norms.

Key topics included enhancing accreditation processes to meet international standards effectively. Members exchanged insights on bolstering the credibility and quality of architectural education and practice in Bangladesh by adhering to global benchmarks. The committee underscored its commitment to promoting excellence in architectural education and professional development. By aligning accreditation practices with the Canberra Accord and other relevant frameworks, the committee aims to facilitate greater global recognition of architectural qualifications and mobility for professionals.

The meeting served as a collaborative platform to strengthen the accreditation framework within the architectural community. Through collective efforts, the committee seeks to uphold the credibility of architectural education and practice in Bangladesh while ensuring alignment with international best practices.

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100 HOMES
FIELD SURVEY, REVIEW

11 of us from IAB are going to some remote villages of Kochua in Bagerhat where we have made 7 houses for the rural marginalized people through IAB's 100 HOMES PROGRAM. This time we come to review various aspects of our work and learn from our mistakes. From Kachua we are going to Bhola this evening where we are building 21 more houses in various remote locations.



CELEBRATE A
"SHITAL PARTY"

An evening titled "Shital PARTY" was celebrated along with song, adda and Pitha Utsav at IAB center on 11th january. Many young and senior Architect attended the event with jou and enjoyed the music.
Vice-President of the 25th Executive Council Ar Muhammad Ali Naqi, General Secretary Ar Nabi Newaz Khan, Assistant General Secretary Ar Dr. Masud ur Rashid, Treasurer Ar Mir Nayan Saqib, Secretary Profession, Ar Md Nazmul Haque Bulbul, Secretary Membership Ar Ahsanul Haque Rubel, Secretary Publication Ar Md Shafiul Azam Shamim and Secretary Heritage and Culture Ar Md Ziaul Sharif were present.







A BIG CONGRATULATIONS
AR. YEAFESH OSMAN

Congratulations to Ar. Yeafesh Osman (O-001) on his appointment as the Hon'ble Minister for the Ministry of Science and Technology.
IAB sends warm greetings for his new position.



A NEW COMPETITION
NESCO HEAD OFFICE HELD A MEETING DUE TO MOU FINALIZATION OF DESIGN COMPETITION

NESCO Head Office Design Competition MoU finalization meeting was held in the room of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power. Nesco Chairman Syed Masum Ahmed Chowdhury (Additional Secretary) Zakeol Islam (MD Nesco), Shireen Yasmin PD, and Md. Nazmul Haque Bulbul (Secretary Profession, IAB) were present in the meeting. In the meeting, it was decided that the MoU signing ceremony will be held at the IAB premises on Thursday 18th January at 4 pm.



THE 7TH MEETING OF THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE





In the recent 7th meeting of the IAB Social Responsibility Committee, a thoughtful discussion took place on how IAB can extend support to the Palestinian people in Gaza. After thorough deliberation, the committee presented detailed recommendations to the EC. The EC later has decided to express solidarity with Palestine by sending two letters to the embassy of the state of Palestine. These letters will inquire about the best ways IAB can provide material assistance and contribute to the reconstruction of Gaza. Additionally, it was agreed in the meeting to organize a signature collection program at the IAB center to demonstrate solidarity with the Palestinian people. This program will be inaugurated by the President of IAB at 5:00 p.m. on February 10th, 2024. Ars are kindly requested to put their signatures on the 16-foot-long banner, which will be displayed at the IAB center from February 10th to 17th.

Following points were discussed in the meeting:

1.Exploring ways for IAB to assist the Palestinian people in Gaza.

2.Sharing insights from Architect Kazi Nasir's participation in the ARCASIA Universal Design conference in Brunei.

3.Review of 100 Homes project house designs.

SIGNING OF NESCO-IAB MOU ON NESCO MCC BUILDING DESIGN COMPETITION



It is with great pleasure that MOU has been signed between Northern Electricity Supply Company (NESCO) Plc and Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)(IAB) regarding design competition for NESCO MCC building. This program was held on 17 January 2024 at 6 pm at IAB Centre, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka. A Main Control Center (MCC) building will be constructed to establish a smart distribution system to centrally control and monitor all substations under Nesco. The design of the said MCC building will be finalized by organizing an open design competition. The event was presided over by IAB President Ar Professor Dr. Khandaker Sabbir Ahmed, Vice President (National Affairs) Ar Muhammad Ali Naqi, Vice President, (International Relations), Ar Khan Md. Mahfuzul Haque, General Secretary Ar Nabi Nawaz Khan, Treasurer, Ar Mir Md Nayan Saqib, Secretary (Profession) Md Nazmul Haque Bulbul, Secretary (Publication & Publicity), Ar Md Shafiul Azam Shamim, Secretary (Heritage & Culture), Ar Mohammad Ziaul Sharif & Secretary (Environment & Urbanization), Ar Sujaul Islam Khan were present. Honorable Chairman of the Board of Directors on behalf of Nesco PLC. Syed Masum Ahmed Chowdhury, NDC, Honorary Director Muqtadir Aziz and Managing Director Mohammad Abul Kalam, Project Director, Zakyul Islam, and Chief Engineer (Retd.) Shireen Yasmin and other officials were present. Design competition details will be announced soon.

IAB PURCHASE COMMITTEE MEETING

IAB Purchase Committee meeting on Health and Life insurance coverage for all IAB members.



IAB HELP DESK
RESOLVES MEMBER QUERIES WITH RAJUK COLLABORATION

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has launched the "IAB Help Desk," offering members a platform to address professional concerns. Held every Saturday from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the IAB Center in Dhaka, the sessions feature representatives from IAB and Rajuk.
During recent meetings, 88 queries were successfully resolved, providing comprehensive guidance to attendees. Planner Mustafizur Rahman, Sub-City Planner from Rajuk, collaborates with IAB's team, including Ar. Md. Nazmul Haque Bulbul (Secretary of Profession) and other members. Discussions cover key topics like area plan regulations, FAR index, and ECPS procedures.

Members can engage directly with IAB or submit queries via the designated Google Form:

https://forms.gle/WvRfMWSTY7ofj7bB7

This initiative underscores IAB's commitment to supporting professional growth and excellence.





SANEM
WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has taken a significant step towards gender equality in the construction sector with the launch of its "Women in Architecture Practice" committee. This initiative underscores IAB's commitment to promoting diversity and inclusivity within the field.
In collaboration with the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) and UN Women, a study titled "Study on the Potentials and Barriers for Women's Participation in the Construction Sector and STEM-based Careers in Bangladesh" was conducted. The study assesses the current situation, identifies challenges, and highlights stakeholder roles in fostering gender parity. Ar. Nazli Hussain of IAB contributed to the study, advocating for leadership opportunities and support for women in architecture and STEM.



JOINT MEETING OF IAB AND MAB

On January 30, 2024, a meeting of the Executive Council was held with the Municipal Association of Bangladesh at IAB office. In the meeting, a fruitful discussion was held on resuming the initiative to establish 'Centre of Excellence in Urban Development Foundation (CEUDF)'. Apart from this, there was a detailed discussion about the activities of Ars regarding the approval of construction of buildings in municipalities. Mr. Dewan Kamal Ahmed, mayor of Nilphamari municipality, agriculturist, mayor of Jhenaidah municipality, Mr. Md. Qayyum Shahriar Zahedi, mayor of Madaripur Sadar municipality, Mr. Md. Khalid Hossain and CEO of Municipal Association of Bangladesh Mr. Parimal Kumar Deb were present on behalf of Municipal Association of Bangladesh. President Ar.



Professor Dr. Khandkar Sabbir Ahmed, General Secretary Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan, Secretary Heritage and Culture Ar. Ziaul Sharif and Secretary Environment and Urbanization Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan were present in the meeting on behalf of IAB.

ORGANIZED WORKSHOPS ON LAWS, RULES AND SCOPE OF WORK UNDER THE INITIATIVE OF IAB BUILDING DESIGN APPROVAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

A workshop on the laws, rules, and role of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) in building design approval and quality assurance for areas outside development authority jurisdiction was held at the IAB office on January 30, 2024. Conducted by Ar. Chowdhury Saiduzzaman (Chairman, IAB Building Design Approval Review Committee) and coordinated by Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif (Honorary Advisor), the event was supervised by Ar. Nazmul Haque Bulbul (Secretary-Professional, IAB). Representatives from 51 municipalities in Dhaka and Mymensingh divisions received training on existing laws and the Building Construction Rules 1996. IAB members are invited to join the committee for design approval and quality assurance.





CONDUCTED CPD (CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT) ON “DHAKA METROPOLITAN AREA PLAN 2022-35” AND ITS AMENDMENTS



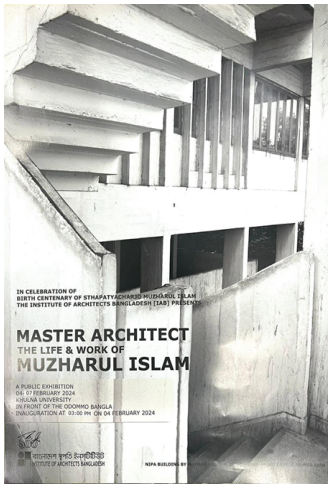
CPD (Continuing Professional Development) on “Dhaka Metropolitan Area Plan 2022-35” and its amendments was held at IAB premises on Thursday 1st February 2024 to facilitate the practice of Arural profession. Ar Talukdar Mukit and Ar Hasan Shahriar Khan (Niloy) conducted the first CPD on Detailed Area Planning organized by IAB, the first part of which covered the history of Dhaka Metropolitan Planning, infrastructure development management and application of Detailed Area Planning in Arural practice. In the next section, plot-wise and block-wise development incentives and the sequential process of determining FAR (Floor Area Ratio) index are presented. The CPD held with the participation of forty IAB members covered detailed regional planning issues through detailed discussions, exercises and question-and-answer sessions with members on indexing, incentives, roads, floor area, number of residential units, land cover, mixed use, plot-based and block-based development. Clear ideas are provided.

A TRAVELING EXHIBITION IS BEING ORGANIZED AT THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN KHULNA

As part of the birth centenary celebrations of Ar. Mazharul Islam, a traveling exhibition organized by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Khulna Center, and the Architecture Department of Khulna University is being held at Khulna University. The exhibition aims to introduce Ar. Islam's work and philosophy to students and the public. Inaugurated on February 4, 2024, by Khulna University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Mahmud Hossain, the event was attended by IAB Khulna Center representatives and university faculty. Ar. Sabrina Aftab, Secretary Seminar, 25th EC, represented IAB at the event. The exhibition will be open until February 7, 2024, and will later travel to other parts of the country to promote architecture.







5TH KSRM AWARDS FOR FUTURE ARCHITECTS

In a collaborative effort between KSRM, a leading steel industry organization, and the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), the prestigious 'KSRM Awards for Future Architects: Best Undergraduate Thesis' ceremony celebrated the innovative work of budding architects for the fifth consecutive year.

Final-year undergraduate students from 13 esteemed architecture institutions across Bangladesh participated in this highly anticipated competition. Following rigorous evaluations, the top three contestants from each institution advanced to the final round. A distinguished jury comprising five senior architects meticulously assessed the projects to select the winners.

The culmination of the event was the inauguration of the exhibition showcasing the students' projects at the IAB Center on February 10th. Open to the public, the exhibition ran for four days, providing a platform for attendees to appreciate the creativity and vision demonstrated by the participants.

On February 13th, the winners were honored at the IAB Center, where they were presented with their awards. The first prize recipient received a prestigious honorarium of Tk 1 lakh, while the second and third prize winners were awarded Tk 75,000 and Tk 50,000, respectively.

Participating universities included Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET), Khulna University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, North South University, American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), BRAC University, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, Stamford University Bangladesh, Southeast University, State University of Bangladesh, Leading University, and Asia Pacific University.



The event not only celebrated excellence in architectural innovation but also served as a platform to inspire and motivate the next generation of architects in Bangladesh.

IAB STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH GAZA

SIGNATURE COLLECTION PROGRAMME LAUNCHED





In a heartfelt display of solidarity with the Palestinian people, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has launched a signature collection programme at the IAB Center.

Architects from across the nation are invited to participate by signing a 16-foot-long banner installed at the IAB Center. The programme, running from February 10th to 17th, aims to demonstrate unwavering support and empathy for the people of Gaza during these challenging times.

The initiative reflects IAB's commitment to humanitarian values and global solidarity. By coming together and lending their signatures to the banner, architects express their collective voice in advocating for peace, justice, and human rights in the region.

The signature collection programme serves as a poignant reminder of the interconnectedness of communities worldwide and the importance of standing together in times of adversity. Through this gesture, IAB reaffirms its dedication to promoting peace and harmony across borders, sending a message of hope and solidarity to the people of Gaza.

IAB AND BPPA COLLABORATE TO ENHANCE ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT



As part of the ongoing efforts of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), the Bangladesh Procurement Authority (BPPA) recently convened a meeting at the Directorate to discuss the requests made by IAB, providing specific observations for amendments and inclusions in the relevant national documents. The meeting proved fruitful, with several strategic measures identified to promote Architectural excellence in public procurement protocols. BPPA and IAB have committed to working together to implement the necessary changes in due course.

Led by Mohammed Shoheler Rahman Chowdhury, CEO of BPPA, the meeting saw constructive discussions on the requests made by IAB, aimed at fostering a conducive environment for architectural talent in public projects. Key officials including Md Mahfuzar Rahman and Dr Md Aknur Rahman, Directors of CPTU, were also present, underscoring the significance of the deliberations.

The IAB delegation, represented by Ar. Prof Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, President, Md Nazmul Haq Bulbul, Secretary Profession, and Md. Mahiuddin Khan, Chief Executive Officer, articulated specific observations and proposed amendments to facilitate the inclusion of architectural expertise in public procurement procedures.

IAB believes that strategic policy implementations will ensure that Architectural talents, particularly those of the younger generations, gain access to public projects in the country.

100 HOMES DESIGN & EXECUTION



Design & Execution Team meeting of "100 HOMES FOR THE MARGINALISED RURAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME" of IAB at IAB Centre today.

KSRM AWARD FOR FUTURE ARCHITECTS 5TH CYCLE EXHIBITION HAD BEEN INAUGURATED

The KSRM Award for Future ARCHITECTS 5th Cycle Exhibition was inaugurated at the IAB Center on February 10, 2024, following a press briefing attended by esteemed dignitaries and members of the architectural community.

The press briefing, graced by notable figures including Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, Vice President (National) of IAB, Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan, General Secretary of IAB, and Ar. Dr. Nawrose Fatemi, Secretary Education of IAB, highlighted the significance of the award in recognizing exceptional talent among future architects.

Col. Ashfakul Islam (Ret), Eng. GM of Research and Development Wing at KSRM, along with members of the jury board, Ar. Shaila Joarder and Ar. Suvro Shovon Chowdhury, and Award Director Ar. Syeda Saikha Sudah, were also present at the event.

A total of 36 projects from 13 universities showcased their brilliant works at the exhibition, representing a diverse range of innovative architectural designs. Participating universities included renowned institutions such as AIUB, AUST, BUET, CUET, Khulna University, NSU, SUST, Stamford University Bangladesh, SEU, UAP, SUB, and LU.

The exhibition, which continued until February 13th, provided a platform for aspiring architects to showcase their creativity and talent, further enriching the architectural landscape of Bangladesh.







IAB DELEGATION MEETS HONORABLE MINISTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

A delegation from the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (IAB) met with the newly appointed Honorable Minister of Public Administration, Mr. Farhad Hossain. Led by IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandkar Sabbir Ahmed, the delegation included Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, General Secretary, Ar. Nazmul Haque Bulbul, Secretary (Profession), and Mr. Mohiuddin Khan, CEO, Institute of Architects Bangladesh.

During the meeting, the delegation extended felicitations to the Honorable Minister and emphasized the vital role of architects in the nation's progress and infrastructure development. The Honorable Minister praised the involvement of architects and acknowledged their contributions to the country's development.

IAB presented a "concept paper" to the Honorable Minister, outlining recommendations to enhance opportunities for architects in government jobs. The paper highlighted the importance of including architects in the professional cadre service of the Bangladesh Civil Service, emphasizing the benefits for proper planning and urbanization in developmental activities.



The Honorable Minister expressed his support for the recommendations and assured IAB of assistance in advancing these initiatives. The meeting concluded with a commitment to collaborate further to promote the interests of architects and contribute to the country's development.

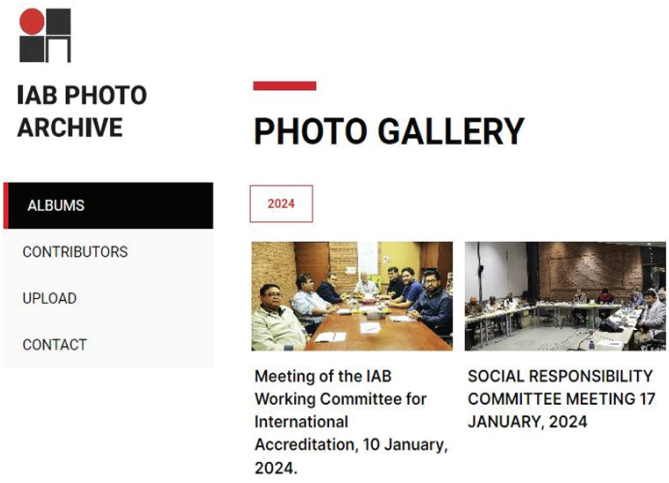
IAB TO LAUNCH ONLINE PHOTO ARCHIVE

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) is set to unveil its online photo archive, marking a significant milestone in preserving its history. Scheduled for release this month, the archive will include the "uploaded photographs" section.

Members are invited to contribute photos of IAB-related events and gatherings spanning 52 years to document the institute's evolution. The archive, accessible at https://gallery.iab.org.bd/, is still under construction, but members are encouraged to upload their photos.

The decision to open the IAB Online Photo Gallery was made by the 25th executive council, with significant progress achieved in just two months. Members are urged to contribute directly from their collections to ensure a comprehensive repository of IAB's history.

With collective efforts, the IAB Photo Gallery will capture the essence of the institute's journey and legacy.



IAB DELEGATION MEETS NEW HOUSING MINISTER

A delegation from the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), led by President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandkar Sabbir Ahmed, met with Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Public Works, Mr. R. A. M. Ubaidul Moktadir Chowdhury M.P. The team, including Vice President Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi and General Secretary Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, presented a "Concept Paper" advocating for the creation of an Architectural Cadre within the Bangladesh Civil Service. They also requested IAB's input on the 'Dhaka Metropolitan Building Regulations 2023' and policies related to parks and urban spaces. The Minister



expressed his support for these initiatives, recognizing the role of architects in enhancing planning and urban development. The meeting ended positively, with a commitment to further collaboration for architectural and urban excellence.

IAB PRESIDENT ATTENDS 'LEARNING FROM PURAN DHAKA' EXHIBITION OPENING

Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, President of IAB, inaugurated the "Learning from Puran Dhaka" exhibition on February 16, 2024, at La Galerie, Alliance Française de Dhaka. The exhibition showcased the outcomes of a workshop organized by EUNIC Bangladesh, involving 60 students from Europe, Africa, Bangladesh, Korea, and India. Held in Old Dhaka from February 4-15, 2024, the project explored the heritage of Puran Dhaka. Dignitaries, including Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh and ambassadors from Italy, France, and the Netherlands, attended. Prof. Ahmed praised the students' work, which reflected the life and heritage of the area. Hosted by Francois Grosjean, the event celebrated cultural learning and collaboration.





RESEARCH INITIATIVE AIMS TO STRENGTHEN COASTAL HOUSES AGAINST EROSION
100 HOMES: IAB



The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has launched a research project under its "100 Houses" initiative to address the vulnerability of coastal homes in southern Bangladesh to erosion during high tides and tidal surges. The project focuses on strengthening mud bricks, a common construction material in these regions, to withstand tidal waters. Led by renowned Civil Engineer Shamsul Alam, the research involves soil analysis and experimentation using samples from Bhola's remote areas.

Among 21 houses selected, one has been chosen for implementing the research findings to create a more resilient structure. Alam is currently conducting field research in Bhola, engaging with local communities to test solutions. The project aims to improve housing resilience in coastal towns, benefiting local populations.

IAB calls for collective cooperation from architects, engineers, researchers, and the community to realize the vision of stronger coastal housing. With the ongoing support and collaboration of all stakeholders, the initiative hopes to bring lasting improvements to the lives of coastal communities.

IAB PAYS TRIBUTE ON INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

In observance of International Mother Language Day, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), led by President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed and Secretary of Heritage and Culture Ar. Mohammad Ziaul Sharif, paid tribute to the martyred language soldiers at the Central Shaheed Minar. The ceremony honored those who sacrificed their lives during the 1952 protests for Bangla's recognition as a state language. IAB members laid floral wreaths and observed a moment of silence in remembrance. The event highlighted the importance of preserving linguistic diversity and cultural heritage, reaffirming IAB's commitment to honoring the legacy of the language martyrs and promoting linguistic rights. The compact yet poignant event concluded with a pledge to continue honoring the sacrifices of those who fought for the recognition of Bangla as a mother tongue and symbol of national identity.

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মধুমাখা জলে ঠাঁসা।
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JOINT IAB-MAZHARUL ISLAM DELEGATION DHAKA UNIVERSITY BUILDING PRESERVATION

A joint delegation comprising members of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) and the Mazharul Islam Foundation visited Dhaka University's Business Administration Building, also known as Nipa Bhawan, designed by Ar Mazharul Islam. Led by IAB President Ar Prof Dr. Khandaker Sabbir Ahmed and including General Secretary Mr. Nabi Nawaz Khan and Editor Heritage and Culture Mr. Mohammad Ziaul Sharif, the delegation met with the Dean of the Department of Business Administration, Muhammad Abdul Moin, to discuss the conservation and maintenance of the architectural gem.

President IAB presented a copy of a letter previously sent to the Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University on December 9, 2023, urging for the preservation of buildings designed by Ar Mazharul Islam. Notably, these structures were recently included in UNESCO's Tentative Modern Heritage List.

The supervising engineer from the university's engineering department disclosed that initial plans for the university's master plan involved demolishing the building. However, in response to IAB's letter and with the Mazharul Islam Foundation's initiative, the decision was made to retrofit the structure instead. The Bangladesh Institute of Arts commended the university's decision, underscoring the significance of preserving architectural heritage. The delegation expressed appreciation for the university's commitment to safeguarding historical landmarks.

Ar Muhtadin Iqbal from the Mazharul Islam Foundation was also part of the delegation, highlighting the collaborative effort toward preserving architectural heritage. The visit reinforced the importance of collective action in preserving cultural treasures for future generations.

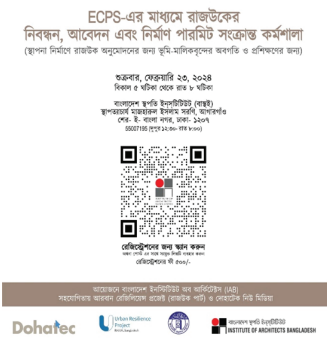


BUILDING APPROVAL PROCESS(ECPS) ENHANCED WORKSHOP AT IAB PREMISES

A workshop held at the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) premises, aimed to streamline the building construction approval process through the Electronic Construction Permitting System (ECPS).
In collaboration with Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (RAJUK) and the Urban Resilience Project, the workshop, facilitated by DohaTech New Media, engaged 80 stakeholders, including citizens, landowners, developers, and officials.
Attendees received detailed presentations on ECPS procedures, covering Rajuk plan approval, construction permits, and completion reports.
Interactive sessions addressed queries and clarified the application process for various permits.
Leading the discussion were prominent figures from IAB, including Ar Professor Mohammad Ali Naki, Vice President for National Affairs, and Ar. Nazmul Haque Bulbul, Secretary for Profession, alongside Ar. Hasan Shahriar Khan, Md Abdullah, and Ar. Talukdar Abdullah Al Mukit.
Engineer Masudur Rahman, Director of DohaTech New Media, provided guidance, while Engineer Noor Mohammad Shawon, Rajuk's System Engineer, delivered a comprehensive presentation on ECPS processes for Sub-Regions 3 & 4.
The workshop emphasized collaborative efforts to streamline approval processes, fostering transparency and efficiency in urban development initiatives.
Participants left with a deeper understanding of ECPS procedures, poised to contribute positively to the city's growth and development initiatives.







INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS BANGLADESH CELEBRATES FOUNDATION DAY

On February 25, 2024, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) proudly celebrated its Foundation Day, marking a milestone in its journey. The occasion recognized the dedication and hard work of those who shaped IAB into the esteemed institution it is today. Gratitude was extended to individuals who advanced and preserved the architectural profession, significantly influencing the built environment of Bangladesh. The day served as an opportunity to reaffirm IAB's commitment to excellence and innovation in architecture, inspiring continued efforts to enrich the nation's architectural landscape. The celebration highlighted IAB's role in elevating the profession and contributing to the country's development.



DAYLIGHT TALK BY LIENE JĀKOBSONE

The 2024 Daylight Talk series began with Liene Jākobsone's captivating presentation, 'Light, Views, Transparencies,' held in collaboration with the Art Academy of Latvia.
Jākobsone, renowned for her innovative approach to architecture, explored the conceptual framework of Sampling, shedding light on how architecture unfolds in the eyes of its inhabitants and the unique experiences it can offer. Through insightful discussions on selected projects, attendees gained valuable insights into the exploration of light, views, and transparencies within architectural design.
Moderating the engaging Q&A session was Dina Suhanova, a researcher at the Art Academy of Latvia. Attendees actively participated, exchanging ideas and posing questions, enriching their understanding of the topics discussed.
The event, a collaboration between the Institute of Architects Bangladesh and the Art Academy of Latvia, provided a platform for architects, designers, and researchers to explore the evolving landscape of architectural design and its impact on human experience.
The commencement of the Daylight Talk series with Liene Jākobsone's presentation sets a promising tone for future sessions, promising further exploration and dialogue on the role of light and transparency in shaping architectural experiences.



IAB MOURNS
TRAGIC FIRE INCIDENT AT BAILEY ROAD, DHAKA

Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) expressed profound grief over the devastating fire incident that occurred on Bailey Road in Dhaka on February 29th. The organization extended heartfelt prayers for the repose of the souls of the deceased and conveyed deepest condolences to their bereaved families.

The consecutive occurrences of such dreadful fires have left both the IAB and the community shocked and horrified. In response, IAB has urged relevant authorities to swiftly identify all responsible individuals or institutions involved in the accident and bring them to justice through a fair investigation.

Furthermore, IAB has pledged its full cooperation and support to the concerned authorities and government in their efforts to prevent future fire accidents. The organization stands ready to offer professional assistance and expertise to implement preventive measures effectively.

The tragic incident underscores the urgent need for robust safety measures and stringent enforcement of regulations to safeguard lives and property. IAB remains committed to working collaboratively with stakeholders to address these critical issues and ensure the safety and well-being of all citizens.

As the community mourns the loss and grapples with the aftermath of the fire, IAB emphasizes the importance of collective action and vigilance in mitigating such tragedies in the future.



IAB INSPECTION TEAM SURVEYS FIRE-DAMAGED BUILDING AT BAILEY ROAD

An inspection team representing the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) visited the fire-damaged "Green Cozy Cottage" building on Bailey Road in the capital on Friday, March 1, 2024. The team, comprising President Ar Prof. Dr. Khandaker Sabbir Ahmed, Vice-President for National Affairs Ar Prof. Md. Ali Naqi, General Secretary Ar Nabi Nawaz Khan, Assistant General Secretary Dr. Masood Ur Rashid, and Membership Secretary Ar Ahsanul Haque Rubel, meticulously surveyed the entire premises.

Expressing grave concern over the successive fire incidents, IAB urged authorities to conduct thorough investigations to identify and punish those responsible. The team's visit highlights IAB's commitment to community safety and its proactive stance in promoting building safety standards.

The inspection underscores IAB's dedication to preventing future incidents and collaborating with authorities and stakeholders to enhance fire safety measures. Through active engagement and advocacy, IAB aims to uphold architectural integrity and public safety standards.

As communities grapple with the aftermath of these tragedies, IAB remains steadfast in its mission to ensure the safety and well-being of all citizens.



BAILEY ROAD ACCIDENT OR MURDER?

President of Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) Prof. Dr. Khandkar Sabbir Ahmed presented his objective statement in the discussion program with the individuals of various institutions and organizations regarding the tragic fire accident that happened in Bailey Road of the capital. He termed all these accidents as extreme manifestations of man-made disasters and urban mismanagement for which he blamed the lack of coordination of the regulatory framework. He feels that all these accidents can be prevented by setting up and ensuring a sound regulatory framework to get out of the bureaucratic process and tendency to blame each other. He also drew the attention of all to prevent this disaster by forming a task force under the Hon'ble Prime Minister's office as soon as possible, besides considering various policy-making and technical issues.



IAB HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE ON BAILEY ROAD FIRE INCIDENT

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) organized a special press conference on March 6, 2024, to address the tragic fire incident that occurred recently on Bailey Road in the capital. The conference aimed to express grief over the incident and discuss measures to prevent similar accidents in the future.

During the conference, IAB highlighted the importance of identifying the causes of the fire and urged relevant authorities to conduct a fair investigation to hold responsible parties accountable. The institute emphasized the need for stricter adherence to building construction regulations and proper management practices to prevent such disasters.

Earlier, on March 1, an inspector from the Bangladesh Institute of Architects conducted an inspection of the 'Green Cozy Cottage' building affected by the fire. The inspection focused on understanding the circumstances leading to the incident.

In addition to discussing preventive measures, IAB expressed gratitude to journalists and media personnel for their attendance at the conference. The institute urged everyone to remain vigilant about building construction practices and emphasized the importance of following proper rules and regulations to ensure the safety of lives and property.

The press conference served as a platform to raise awareness about fire safety and advocate for proactive measures to mitigate the risk of similar incidents in the future.

FORMATION OF "HELP DESK"
IN FIRE RISK REDUCTION



In view of the recent incident of fire in the building, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)(IAB) has united with all related government agencies and general public to simultaneously ensure public safety. To this end IAB has taken the initiative of launching a 'Help Desk' to provide public service technical advice on ensuring fire safety to reduce fire risk in city buildings. Building owners are requested to contact IAB's 'Help Desk' for initial advice on fire safety. The application form can be filled by scanning the QR code below. If necessary, contact the number 55007195-96.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!

Inspire, aspire, achieve…
the overarching theme for International Women's Day 2024 is "Invest in women: Accelerate progress."
This theme emphasizes the critical role of investing in women's education, healthcare, economic empowerment, and leadership development to accelerate progress towards gender equality.

March 10 live program link qr code
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TRADITION AND MODERNITY
IN THE CULTURE OF BENGAL



বাংলার সংস্কৃতিতে ঐতিহ্য ও আধুনিকতা

Live link
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A TRAVELING EXHIBITION TO MARK THE BIRTH CENTENARY OF AR MAZHARUL ISLAM



A traveling exhibition is now being organized in Rajshahi on the occasion of the birth centenary of Ar Mazharul Islam. IAB, Rajshahi Center and ARCHITECTURE Department, RUET are organizing this jointly. Basically, the purpose of this exhibition is to introduce the work and philosophy of Ar Mazharul Islam to students, students and common people The exhibition opens on March 09, 2024. Mazharul Islam, who spent a part of his education in Rajshahi, is open to the public to honor his memory and will run for a month.Later, the exhibition will be displayed in other parts of the country. We are hopeful that this effort will contribute to giving a new dimension to ARCHITECTURE in the public mind.

MEETING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE HONORABLE ADVISER MR. SALMAN F RAHMAN AND THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF THE IAB

A meeting took place on March 11, 2024, between the Honorable Adviser, Mr. Salman F Rahman, Private Industry and Investment Adviser to the Prime Minister, and the senior leadership of the IAB. Discussions encompassed key issues within the building industry, urban fire safety, and mitigation strategies, alongside recent initiatives introduced by the IAB, notably the Public Help Desk for short-term mitigation measures. The provision of technical services through this platform presents an opportunity for small and medium enterprises to revive and advance their businesses while ensuring adherence to safety regulations and codes. The IAB delegation highlighted the Arural community's dedication to implementing constructive



interventions. Strategic decisions were made during the meeting to engage other relevant agencies in collaborative efforts. Mr. Salman commended the IAB's forward-thinking approach, particularly their plans to involve overseas members in IAB activities. The delegation from IAB comprised President Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, Vice President for National Affairs Prof. Ali Naqi, Vice President for International Affairs Md. Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul, and General Secretary Nabi Newaz Khan.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AND EXHIBITION “ENVISIONING A SAFE AND A SUSTAINABLE LIFE WITH ARCHITECTURE FOR A WATER NOMAD COMMUNITY IN BANGLADESH”

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) organized a prize distribution ceremony and exhibition opening for the Open Architectural Design Competition titled "Envisioning a Safe and Sustainable Life with Architecture for a Water Nomad Community in Bangladesh" on March 13, 2024. Supported by Oxfam in Bangladesh, the competition aimed to generate innovative architectural solutions for the challenges faced by water nomad communities.





Ar. Professor Dr. Khandaker Sabbir Ahmed, President of IAB, and senior officials from Oxfam graced the event. IAB members attended, gaining insights from the showcased projects.

Winning teams presented their projects, offering comprehensive overviews of their designs and solutions. The competition encouraged creative approaches to enhance safety and sustainability for water nomad communities, reflecting IAB and Oxfam's commitment to addressing societal issues through architecture.

The prize distribution celebrated the winning teams' contributions, acknowledging their dedication in tackling complex challenges. By fostering collaboration between architects, designers, and humanitarian organizations, the competition highlighted architecture's potential in promoting social equity and environmental sustainability. Overall, the event served as a platform for dialogue and knowledge sharing, inspiring collective action toward a safer and more resilient future for water nomad communities in Bangladesh.



PRESIDENT REGINA GONTHIER PRESENTS STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENTS AT THE BUILDING AND CLIMATE GLOBAL FORUM

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UIA President Regina Gonthier presents stakeholders' engagements at the Building and Climate Global Forum.

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The President presented the stakeholders' engagements:
The Sustainable ARCHITECTURE to Turn the World of Today into the World of Tomorrow Declaration is the result of a collaboration between the International Union of Ars, the Ars' Council of Europe and the Conseil National de l'Ordre des Ars.
We, Architects, leaders, and representatives of the Architectural profession Recalling our multiple commitments previously made towards sustainable development and responsible practice,
Recognizing that reducing greenhouse gas emissions on a path to near-zero emissions by 2030 and decarbonization by 2050 are ambitious, yet achievable, goals,
Aware of the importance of the entire building sector value chain towards influencing ethical, socially responsible and sustainable development throughout the world,
We pledge to make ARCHITECTURE an economic lever at the service of inhabitants and the planet by abiding by the following guidelines:
Prioritize rehabilitation of existing buildings in a virtuous way instead of building new. The most effective waste management is to prevent waste from being generated.
Decarbonize construction by encouraging the development of new channels for materials. Transition away from carbon- and energy-intensive towards carbon-neutral and renewable materials. Implement short supply chain ARCHITECTURE by promoting the use of local production channels for building eco-materials based on local resources.
Prioritize responsible land use by influencing urban planning to prevent urban sprawl, promoting innovative solutions, encouraging the renovation and use of existing urban stock, and implementing multi-disciplinary expertise.
Protect and promote biodiversity by influencing urban planning to develop and maintain agricultural land and natural areas, as well as green areas in urban spaces.
Highlight the urgent need for high-quality Baukultur, which puts culture on centre stage in order to achieve sustainable and vibrant communities with a better quality of life and well-being for all.
Advocate appropriate funding and public aid to cover any additional costs induced by the introduction of new sustainable ARCHITECTURE construction techniques. Support academic research in ecodesign and innovative sustainable solutions.
This is our renewed commitment for a more sustainable ARCHITECTURE to turn the world of today into the world of tomorrow.
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PROTEST HALTS DEMOLITION OF CENTURIES COLLEGIATE SCHOOL BUILDING AT DHAKA

A human chain organized by the Urban Study Group and supported by concerned citizens convened at Dhaka Collegiate School to protest the illegal demolition of a nearly three-hundred-year-old structure within the premises. Ar. Mohammad Ziaul Sharif and Ar. Imamur Hossain from the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) joined the demonstration to advocate for heritage preservation.

The historic building, a significant part of Dhaka's cultural heritage, faced imminent destruction as doors, windows, and part of the roof had already been removed. Plans to replace it with a modern structure prompted public outcry.

Following discussions with school authorities, a copy of the High Court judgment on heritage preservation was presented by the Urban Study Group. In response, the headmaster pledged to halt demolition temporarily and inform relevant authorities, including the Directorate of Education and Engineering, about the court verdict and public sentiment. The protest highlighted the importance of preserving cultural heritage and prompted a commitment to reevaluate plans for the site. It demonstrated the community's dedication to safeguarding historical structures and emphasized the need for sustainable urban development that honors Dhaka's architectural legacy.





THE 33RD ANNUAL EDITION OF THE JK AYA AWARDS

Winners of 33rd JK AYA

Eligible countries India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Tanzania & Uganda	**GREAT MASTER'S AWARD**	**Ar. Shankar N. Kanade, Sangli**
	GREEN ARCHITECTURE AWARD	**Ar. Pankaj Bhagwatkar, Pune** Project: Woman Empowerment Shelter, Loni, Bijapur
Eligible Country: India	**INDIAN ARCHITECTURE AWARDS (IAA)**	
	Architect of the year	**Ar. Ranjit Wagh, Pune** Project: Lantern in the park, Thane
	Commendation Awards	
	Private Residence	**Ar. Pooja Khairnar, Nashik** Project: House 20x22, Nashik
	Public Building	**Ar. Jayesh Hariyani, Ahmedabad** Project: Regional Science Centre, Rajkot
	Educational Campus	**Ar. Rajesh Renganathan, Bengaluru** Project: Divya Shanthi School and Campus, Bengaluru
	Young Architect's Award	**Ar. Ninad Bothara, Nashik** Project: Kavidhan, Vansda, Gujarat
	Architecture Student of the year	**Mr. Darshan Sukhadiya** College: Sarvajanik College of Engineering and Technology (SCET), Surat Project: Innovation In Tradition - Rural Livelihood Creation In Handicraft Sector Of Thar
	INDIAN STATES ARCHITECTURE AWARDS	
Focus States: Karnataka and Goa	Architect of the year	**Ar. Sandeep Khosla and Ar. Amaresh Anand, Bengaluru** Project: Abhikram, Ahmedabad
	Commendation Award	**Ar. Ruturaj Parikh, Goa** Project: ASO, Goa
	Young Architect's Award	**Ar. Avinash Ankalge, Bengaluru** Project: Subterranean Ruins, Bengaluru
Eligible countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Tanzania & Uganda	**FOREIGN COUNTRIES' ARCHITECTURE AWARDS (FCAA)**	
	Architect of the year	**Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad, Dhaka** Project: Reaz Loft, Khanpur, Bangladesh
	Commendation Award	**Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker, Dhaka** Project: Hotel Nandini, Dhaka

Architect of the Year Awards JK AYA

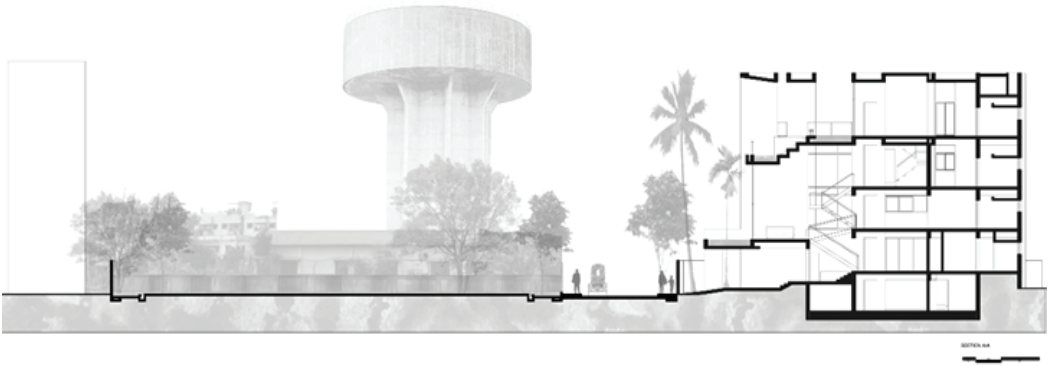
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Internally, lofty spaces between parallel walls house public areas across various levels, connected by an open metal staircase offering dynamic spatial experiences. A service staircase links the kitchen with public areas, while functional spaces at the semi-basement level ensure natural light and ventilation. Gardens adorn different floors, with the largest atop the master suite, featuring a pavilion and a gallery-like sitting area framing views of the field. Privacy is ensured by visually disconnecting this level from the interior loft.

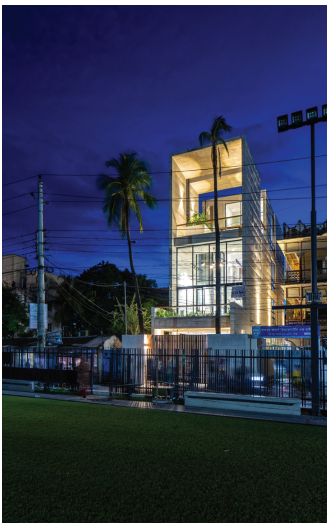


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IAB GATHERS STAFF TO ENHANCE ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) recently convened a strategic meeting to optimize its administrative performance and enhance member services. Led by Vice President for International Affairs Ar. Md. Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul, the gathering brought together Assistant General Secretary Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, IAB CEO Mr. Mohiuddin Khan, and most importantly all the staffs for innovation and collaboration. The goal of the meeting was to address longstanding administrative challenges and achieve a seamless experience for its members.

During the session, participants engaged in lively discussions and brainstorming sessions, pooling their expertise to tackle various issues that had accumulated over the years. They scrutinized every aspect of administrative operations, from streamlining internal processes to enhancing member services. Ar. Khan Mohammad Zaglul emphasized the importance of teamwork and synergy in achieving organizational goals. He also stressed the need for innovative strategies to adapt to evolving needs and expectations within the architectural community.

Dr. Masud Ur Rashid echoed these sentiments, highlighting the significance of proactive decision-making and continuous improvement. He underscored the role of effective communication and coordination in fostering a culture of excellence within the organization.

The meeting concluded with a renewed sense of purpose and a commitment to implementing the proposed solutions. IAB is dedicated to optimizing its administrative performance and enhancing member services. By doing so, it can serve its members with excellence and foster a culture of innovation and collaboration. The organization is committed to achieving these goals and will continue to work tirelessly towards them.



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2024

In celebration of the Great Independence Day, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) organized a poignant event at its premises, featuring a children's painting session and a screening of Nadeem Iqbal's film "Dr. Nurunnabi Ajeevan Muktijoddha," portraying the Liberation War.

Among the distinguished guests were IAB President Architect Professor Dr. Khandkar Sabbir Ahmed, General Secretary Architect Nabi Nawaz Khan, and other notable figures. Also in attendance were young artists and their families, along with freedom fighter Ar. Nurul Karim Dilu and film director Nadeem Iqbal.

The young artists passionately depicted scenes from the Liberation War through their paintings, while Ar. Dilu shared insightful experiences from his time as a freedom fighter.

President IAB, in his closing remarks, lauded the sacrifices of martyrs and encouraged the youth to contribute selflessly to nation-building efforts. As a token of appreciation, IAB presented producer Nadeem Iqbal with a collection of books.

The event concluded with the distribution of certificates to the young painters, recognizing their artistic talent.

Additionally, a one-day exhibition has been organized to showcase the paintings, providing a platform to celebrate the creativity and spirit of the young artists.





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OBITUARY

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY MOURNS LOSS OF AR. RAJIB AHMED



The architectural community mourns the untimely passing of Ar. Rajib Ahmed (AA-659), a respected associate member of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) and Principal Architect of Roofliners_Studio of Architecture. Ar. Ahmed, a BUET alumni from the 2003 batch, passed away last night while receiving treatment at Square Hospital, Dhaka.

Inna Lillahi wa Inna Ilaihi Raziun.

Widely admired for his talent and dedication, Ar. Ahmed played a key role in shaping Bangladesh's architectural landscape. His passing has left colleagues and friends in deep sorrow, remembering him for his creativity and professionalism. His Janaza was held at various locations in Dhaka, with his burial at Rayer Bazar Cemetery. The community extends heartfelt condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace.

TRAGIC LOSS: DUET ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AR RAM KRISHNA SAHA PASSES AWAY

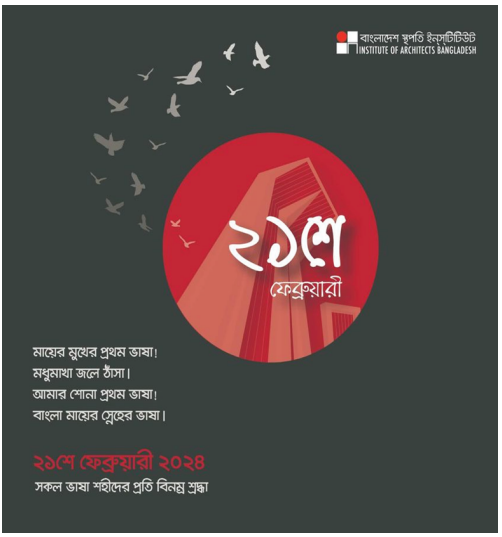


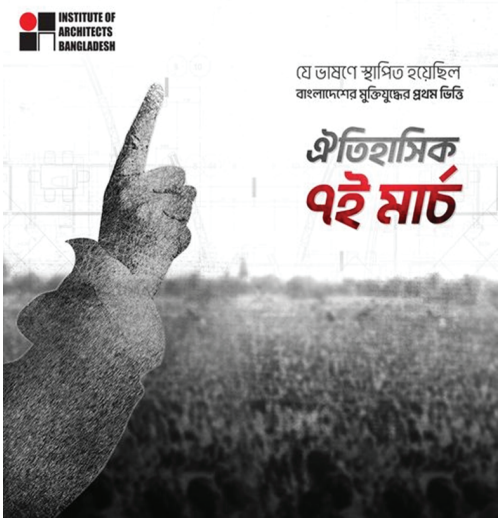
The architectural community mourns the tragic loss of Ar. Ram Krishna Saha, Assistant Professor at Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology (DUET), who passed away in a bike accident on Tongi Road on February 20, 2024. Despite receiving immediate medical attention, Ar. Saha succumbed to his injuries. He leaves behind a legacy of dedication to his profession and students. Colleagues, friends, and students gathered at the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) to pay their respects, with funeral rites held at his Mohammadpur residence. Ar. Saha is survived by his wife and daughter. The community extends heartfelt condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace.


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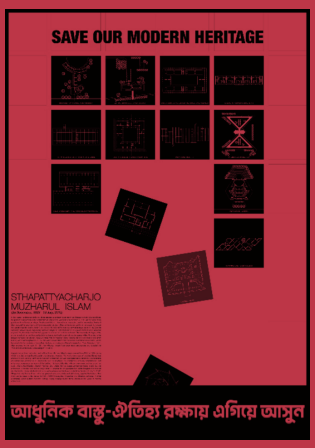

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The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), in collaboration with the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, presents a week-long exhibition showcasing... **PAGE 35**



A poster design competition was organized on the occasion of the 11th death anniversary of ... **PAGE 20**



On September 4th, 2023, the IAB Center was graced by the presence of the renowned Architect, Madhavi Desai. She delivered a captivating talk on "Women Architects... **PAGE 31**



Apart from this, a number of Round Table Talks were organized at the UIA Pavilion, where internationally renowned architects participated on various architectural topics in the presence of President IAB and moderated... **PAGE 11**



One of the important steps in the 3-step induction test for full members is to check the design quality of the projects that the applicant ... **PAGE 18**