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Dear Members,

As we conclude the first year of our two-year tenure of the 25th Executive Council, this issue of the IAB Newsletter stands as a testament to the collective efforts and milestones achieved by our architectural community. The pages that follow reflect a year of dynamic initiatives, from the celebration of global observances such as World Architecture Day and World Habitat Day, to local triumphs such as the IAB Build Expo 2023 and strategic discussions fostering the future of architecture in Bangladesh.

This issue highlights some of the critical dialogues and collaborations that took place, notably the expansion of mutual recognition agreements, and the significant steps toward creating an inclusive architectural practice. The institutional milestones, particularly the establishment of the 'Architects Act Committee,' underline the ongoing efforts to enhance the professional framework for architects in Bangladesh. We are also proud of the creative exhibitions, competitions, and workshops held, emphasizing sustainable practices and universal accessibility.

Moreover, we honor our heritage and remember those who laid the foundation for the architectural profession in Bangladesh. The centenary celebration of Architect Muzharul Islam and the tributes paid to his legacy have inspired us to reflect on the responsibilities we carry forward.

This year also saw the architectural community actively contributing to social responsibility initiatives, with the completion of homes under the 100 Homes Project and our ongoing commitment to vulnerable communities, such as the Water Nomad project.

As we prepare for another year of challenges and opportunities, I extend my sincere gratitude to all members of IAB and the wider architectural community for their unwavering support. The progress documented in this issue is a reflection of your dedication, creativity, and resilience.

Let us continue to build on these achievements and strive for even greater heights in the coming year.

Warm regards,

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK



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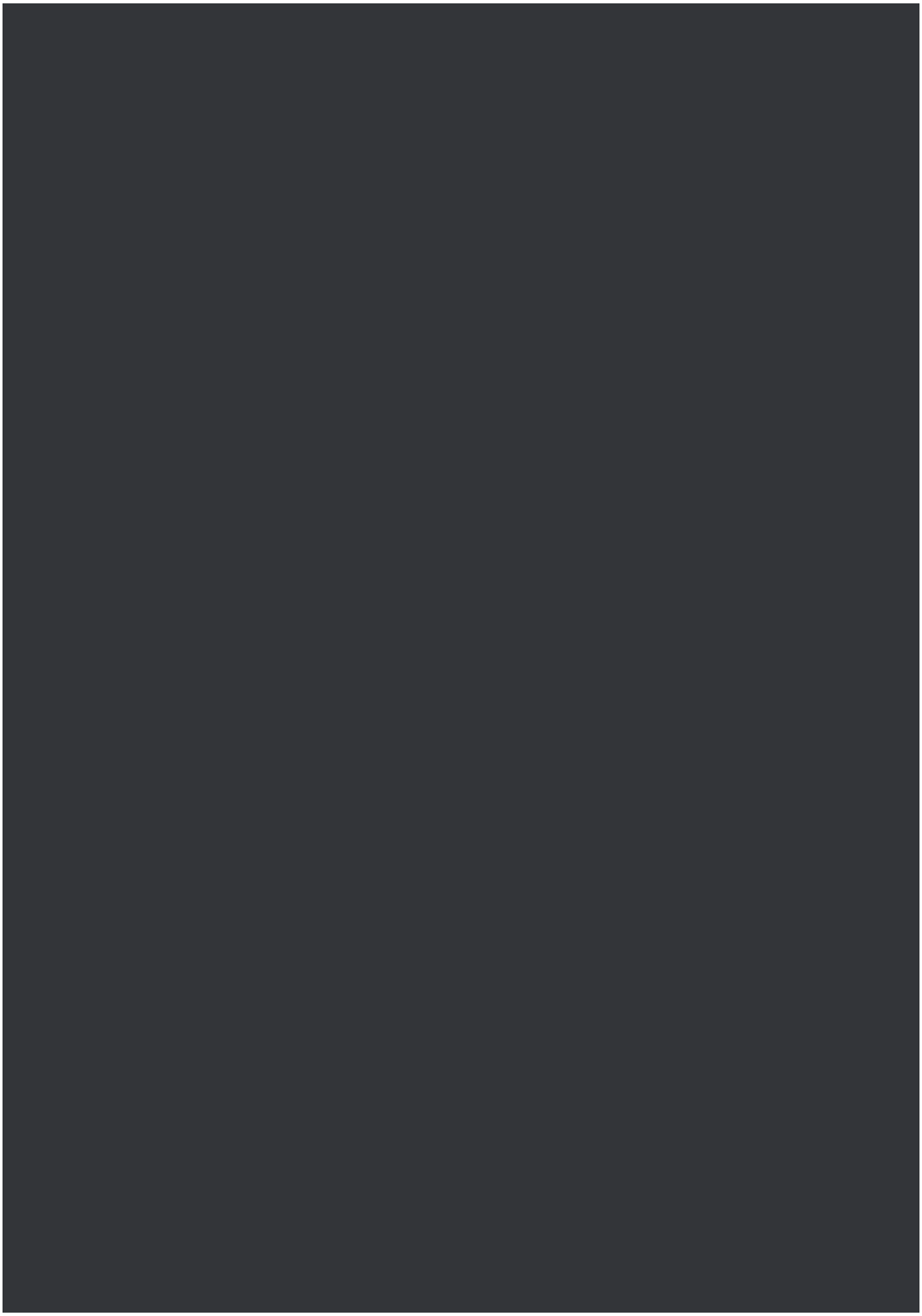


IAB ANNUAL SPORTS FESTIVAL 2023!

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has announced the IAB Annual Sports Festival 2023, a celebration of the power of sport to transform lives, strengthen bonds, and promote peace and respect. This year's festival is aligned with the United Nations' theme for the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2023: "Scoring for People and the Planet."

Scheduled to take place from November 3 to November 30, 2023, the festival will feature a variety of sports, including the introduction of Chess and Carrom to engage all members, including female participants. These additions aim to foster inclusivity and ensure that everyone can participate in the spirit of friendly competition and camaraderie.

Members are encouraged to save the dates and prepare for an event that promises to be both fun and impactful, emphasizing the role of sport in promoting sustainable development and peace. More details about the event will be shared soon.

The IAB Annual Sports Festival 2023 is set to be an unforgettable experience, bringing members together to score for people and the planet.



CELEBRATION OF WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY 2023

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) joins the global community in celebrating World Architecture Day 2023, observed under the theme "Architecture for Resilient Communities." This year's theme highlights the crucial role of architecture in driving growth, fostering recovery, and building resilience within cities and communities worldwide.

World Architecture Day serves as a reminder of the significant impact that thoughtful and innovative design can have on enhancing the strength and sustainability of our communities. As we face challenges such as climate change, urbanization, and social inequality, the role of architects in creating environments that are adaptable, inclusive, and resilient has never been more critical.

Members of the architectural community are encouraged to reflect on how their work contributes to the development of resilient communities. Whether through sustainable design practices, the preservation of cultural heritage, or the creation of public spaces that promote social cohesion, architects have the power to shape a better future for all.



IAB invites its members to share their thoughts and ideas on how architecture can continue to strengthen our communities and contribute to a more resilient world. Let's celebrate the power of architecture to drive positive change and inspire growth in our cities and beyond.



CELEBRATING WORLD HABITAT DAY

A rally was organized to celebrate World Habitat Day, as designated by the United Nations, in collaboration with the National Housing Authority. The event, held on the first Monday of October each year, served as a moment to reflect on the state of towns and cities.

The rally commenced at 8:00 AM from Central Shaheed Minar and concluded at Osmani Memorial Auditorium, attracting a large number of passionate participants. Members of the Institute of Architects, Bangladesh (IAB) played an active role in this significant event.

The Honorable State Minister of the Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Mr. Sharif Ahmed MP, was present as the Chief Guest, adding considerable importance to the occasion. Additionally, Mr. Kazi Washi Uddin, the Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Public Works, attended as the Special Guest.

The event also saw enthusiastic participation from several esteemed institutions, including the Department of Architecture of the Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Housing and Building Research Institute (HBRI), and Urban Development Directorate.

The rally concluded with a shared commitment to creating better, more sustainable habitats for all. Gratitude is extended to everyone who contributed to making this event a success and for joining in the celebration of World Habitat Day. The hope remains to continue working towards healthier, happier cities and towns for everyone.



A WATER NOMAD COMMUNITY IN BANGLADESH

An open design competition, titled "A Water Nomad Community in Bangladesh," has been announced by Oxfam, offering an exciting opportunity for architects and architecture students to showcase their talent and creativity. This competition invites participants to envision a safe and sustainable future through architecture, focusing on the unique challenges faced by water nomad communities in Bangladesh.

The design brief, containing all the necessary details and guidelines, has been made available for interested participants. In response to numerous requests from members, the registration deadline has been extended by seven days, with the new deadline set for October 7, 2023, Saturday.

This extension allows more time for potential participants to register and contribute their innovative ideas to this meaningful competition. The initiative aims to inspire architects and students to think critically about sustainability and community-focused design, addressing the pressing needs of those who live in water-bound environments.

All participants are encouraged to take advantage of this extended deadline and engage in the competition. Their contributions will play a crucial role in making this event a resounding success. Together, let us envision and create a safer and more sustainable future for the water nomad communities of Bangladesh.



IAB BUILD-EXPO 2023



The IAB Build-Expo 2023, one of the most prestigious building material expositions in Bangladesh, is set to return this year. Organized by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), this event will be held at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of November 2023.

The exposition is expected to showcase cutting-edge building materials and technologies, attracting professionals from the architectural and construction industries. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to present innovative products and solutions, making this event a prime platform for networking and knowledge exchange.

Interested participants and exhibitors are encouraged to secure their bookings promptly. For more details, inquiries can be directed to the official hotline at +880 1315-654190 or via email at buildexpo@iab.com.bd

This event promises to be a significant gathering of industry experts, offering valuable insights into the latest trends and advancements in the field of architecture and construction. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us at IAB Build-Expo 2023 for an enriching experience.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION MEETING: IAB RAJSHAHI CENTER AND IAB PRESIDENT

A discussion meeting was held on October 9, 2023, at an esteemed restaurant in Rajshahi, where the architects of the IAB Rajshahi Center gathered with the President of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandkar Shabbir Ahmed. The event, which included a dinner, was organized by the Department of Architecture, Rajshahi University of Science and Engineering.

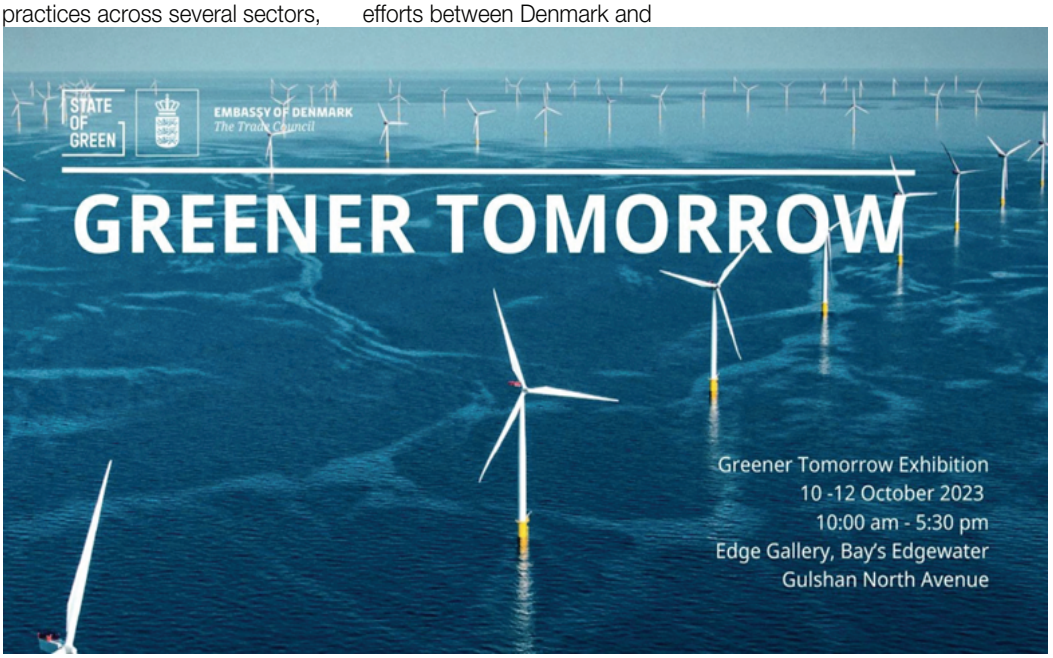
The meeting was attended by notable members of the IAB Rajshahi Center, including Convener Ar. Raziuddin Ahmed, Member Secretary Ar. Md. Symoom Yasir Mridha, Treasurer Ar. Md. Shamiul Huda, Ar. Chowdhury Hysum Muhammad, Ar. Jannat Ara Ferdousi, Ar. Md. Asaduzzaman, Ar. Mst. Nargis Parvin, Ar. Md. Zaheer Delwar Abedin and Ar. Imrul Hasan Additionally, Secretary of IAB Khulna Center, Ar. S.M. Nazimuddin, and prominent academicians Ar. Sheikh Sirajul Hakim (Professor and Head of the Department of Architecture, Khulna University) and Ar. Dr. Md. Ashikur Rahman Joarder (Professor, Department of Architecture, BUET) were also present.

During the discussion, IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandkar Shabbir Ahmed provided guidance on various issues pertinent to the future initiatives of the Rajshahi Center. The event served as a platform for productive dialogue and strategic planning, reflecting the commitment of the IAB leadership to regional development and the architectural profession in Rajshahi.



GREENER TOMORROW EXHIBITION

The "Greener Tomorrow" exhibition, hosted by the Embassy of Denmark in Dhaka, concluded successfully on October 12, 2023. The three-day event was held at the Edge Gallery, Bay's Edgewater, Gulshan Avenue, from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm each day.
Attendees explored Danish green solutions and best practices across several sectors, including water and environment, digitalization, energy, food and agro, health, and technology. Cutting-edge Danish green technologies and solutions that are shaping a sustainable world were showcased.
The exhibition highlighted Denmark's commitment to the global green and digital transition and reinforced the collaborative efforts between Denmark and Bangladesh. This collaboration, formalized through the Joint Action Plan on Green Framework Engagement launched in June 2023, aims to support Bangladesh in achieving its sustainability goals.
The event was well-received and marked a significant step in promoting green innovations and sustainable practices.



AEA ASIA FORUM 2023



The AEA ASIA Forum 2023 was successfully conducted online on October 13, 2023. The event, held under the theme of enhancing resilience against the increasing frequency of disasters, was organized by ARCHASIA Emergency Architects.
Participants engaged in discussions focused on preparing for and mitigating the impacts of disasters on lives and the environment. The forum provided valuable insights into building resilience and implementing strategies for effective disaster management.
The event emphasized the importance of being well-prepared to protect both people and the environment, aligning with the global call to #BuildBackBetter.
The forum was attended by a diverse audience, including members of the ACSR Community, HKIA, and other stakeholders in the field of emergency architecture and disaster response. The discussions and presentations underscored the collective commitment to addressing disaster challenges and fostering a more resilient future.

COORDINATION MEETING HELD FOR IAB BUILD EXPO 2023





On October 15, 2023, a coordination meeting was conducted by the IAB Build Expo 2023 organizing committee. The meeting, which aimed to ensure the success of the upcoming event, involved the IAB Executive Council, the organizing team, and the exhibitors.

In the initial phase, the Build Expo team, led by Member Secretary Ar. Md. Shafiul Azam Shamim, conducted a meticulous review of the event details at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) venue. Following this visit, the coordination meeting was held at the IAB Centre.

Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, IAB General Secretary, emphasized the vital partnership between IAB and building material service providers, expressing gratitude for their continued support.

Chairman of IAB Build-Expo 2023, Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, Assistant General Secretary of IAB, highlighted the significance of the event. He introduced committee members and engaged in an interactive Q&A session to clarify the terms, conditions, and deliverables expected from the IAB Build Expo Committee.

The meeting was attended by members of the 25th Executive Council, the IAB Build-Expo 2023 organizing team, and representatives of all exhibitors.

The IAB Build Expo 2023 is scheduled to be held from November 7-9, 2023, at the Bangabandhu International Convention Centre, Dhaka.

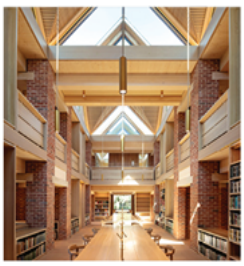
TECHNICAL SESSION ON KAMALAPUR MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORT HUB

On October 17, 2023, a technical session with 'Academic Stake Holders' was conducted at the Kamalapur Multi-Modal Transport Hub by Kajima Corporation, under the Japan-Bangladesh Joint PPP platform. The session was attended by IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, along with senior academics from various universities, including BUET and JU, as well as representatives from professional bodies and stakeholder organizations.
The presentation was delivered by Mr. Aoki, the Project Team Leader, and focused on receiving guidance to confirm the basic assumptions for the Pre-Masterplan of the Kamalapur Multi-Modal Transport Hub project. Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed emphasized that the existing station building must be preserved within the master plan, stating that a replica elsewhere is not a viable option. He suggested that structural strengthening could be performed, drawing on Japan's extensive experience in this area. Other academic colleagues highlighted the importance of preserving the heritage building and stressed that socio-economic issues in the design should be based on accurate data. Following the technical session, a courtesy meeting was held with the senior leadership of Bangladesh Railway to discuss matters of mutual interest.



ENTRIES OPEN FOR 2024 UK AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS





The announcement has been made that entries for the 2024 UK and International Awards are now open. Following a highly inspiring RIBA Awards cycle this year, the prestigious awards are set to celebrate architectural excellence once again.

The awards, which range from regional recognitions to the esteemed Stirling Prize, offer an exceptional platform to showcase architectural achievements. Winning a RIBA Award will present an opportunity to gain global recognition and attract potential clients and collaborators who seek the highest standards in architecture.

IAB REPRESENTATIVES AND POWER DIVISION



On October 23, 2023, a meeting was conducted at the Bangladesh Secretariat between representatives of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) and senior executives from the Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Government of Bangladesh.

The meeting focused on the built environment and the energy scenario of Bangladesh. It was acknowledged that while significant progress has been made in energy production and distribution, demand-side factors, where architecture and urban design can contribute significantly, require increased attention in line with international practices and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Discussions included the potential roles of IAB and the architecture community in areas such as low-energy buildings, building energy performance audits, retrofitting old buildings, zero-carbon policies, alternative or hybrid cooling systems, and urban charging station master plans for electric vehicles.

The Senior Secretary noted that architects had been underrepresented in past activities and planning, where mostly electrical

SEMINAR ON SYSTEMS THINKING IN ARCHITECTURE

As part of the World Architecture Day 2023 celebrations, a seminar titled "Design with Systems Thinking" was presented by Ar. Mohammad Fuad Abdul Quaium on October 30, 2023. This seminar was one of several initiatives launched to highlight the theme "Architecture for Resilient Communities."

The seminar series is set to showcase various aspects of designing for sustainability and resilience. In conjunction with this, a competition focusing on the 'water nomad community' has been introduced to explore ways of enhancing their safety and sustainability. Additionally, an exhibition co-organized with the Aga Khan Award for Architecture will travel across the country, with upcoming displays scheduled for Chittagong and Rajshahi.

During the seminar, Ar. Fuad Quaium, a practicing ecological landscape designer and architect, discussed his adoption of the 'Systems Thinking' approach combined with Design Thinking. The presentation highlighted the importance of a holistic approach to projects, emphasizing the integration of social, economic, and environmental systems within architectural and built environment projects. The seminar aimed to broaden the spatial and temporal implications of projects from a systemic perspective, striving to achieve greater sustainability.

The seminar was well-received, contributing to the broader discussion on building resilient communities through innovative architectural practices.



SEMINAR ON ARCHITECTURE FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITY

On October 31, 2023, a seminar titled "Architecture for Resilient Community" was held at the IAB Center, Agargaon, Dhaka, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The event was part of the World Architecture Day 2023 initiatives. AKM Nuruzzaman, a distinguished Community Social Worker and Human Geographer with 29 years of experience, served as the guest speaker. His extensive career has been dedicated to addressing issues related to poverty, inclusive development, sustainable communities, social vulnerability, and climate adaptation.

The seminar was well-attended and featured insights into building resilient communities through innovative architectural practices. As part of the event's broader objectives, a competition was launched to reimagine the lives of the 'water nomad community,' aiming for a more sustainable and safer future. Additionally, an exhibition co-organized with the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, which is traveling across the country, is set to visit Chittagong and Rajshahi soon.

The seminar provided valuable perspectives on enhancing community resilience and sustainability, drawing on AKM Nuruzzaman's extensive research and practical knowledge.



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MOU SIGNED BETWEEN IAB AND RAJUK:
OPEN ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION FOR THE DESIGN OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER IN PURBACHAL NEW TOWN



On October 30, 2023, a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) and RAJUK (Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha). This landmark agreement marks the launch of an Open Architectural Competition for the design of the International Convention Center in Purbachal New Town.

The signing ceremony, held in the presence of distinguished guests, was inaugurated by Mr. Anisur Rahman Miah, BPAA, Chairman (Secretary) of RAJUK. IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed served as the Special Guest and signatory for the MoU.
Mr. Anisur Rahman Miah emphasized his vision for a modern, livable Dhaka with enhanced urban amenities and services. His commitment to establishing a world-class Convention Center with international standards was highlighted.
Mr. Md Ashraful Islam, Chief Town Planner, shared insights on integrating open public

ESTABLISHMENT OF 'ARCHITECTS ACT COMMITTEE' BY IAB

On November 11, 2023, a resolution was passed by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) to establish an 'Architects Act Committee,' chaired by EC Member Ar. Mohammed Ziaul Sharif. The committee's primary goal is to protect public interests and ensure the safeguarding of the architectural profession in Bangladesh. Although previous efforts to legislate the act in the National Parliament were unsuccessful, this new initiative aims to revive the process.
A Zoom meeting was convened on the same day between Bangladeshi architects in North America, all licensed in various jurisdictions, and IAB EC Members. The session, chaired by IAB President and coordinated by Ar. Zulqar Helal from the USA, focused on re-evaluating the legislation of the 'Architects Act' for Bangladesh. Ar. Helal provided an in-depth presentation on the regulatory frameworks in



INDUCTION CEREMONY 2023

On November 11, 2023, an induction ceremony was held at the IAB premises to welcome 233 Full Members, 384 Associate Members, and 21 Fellow Members who joined from January 1 to October 31, 2023. Over 300 architects participated in the event, which was marked by the distribution of gifts and congratulatory letters signed by the IAB President.

The ceremony was graced by former IAB President Ar. Prof. Samsul Wares as the Chief Guest, with the stage further honored by IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandkar Shabbir Ahmed, IAB Vice President (National Affairs) and Chairperson of the Membership Advisory Committee Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, General Secretary Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, and Secretary Membership Ar. Ahsanul Haque Rubel.

The event commenced with a welcome address from IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandkar Shabbir Ahmed. Following the address, new members recited the oath and presented a memento to the Chief Guest. Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi informed attendees about changes in the examination structure. Chief Guest Ar. Prof. Shamsul Wares delivered a speech and honored the fellow members on stage. In his closing speech, Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan extended congratulations to all, and Secretary Membership Ar. Ahsanul Haque Rubel expressed gratitude to the attendees.

The ceremony concluded with group photo sessions and musical performances, creating a joyful atmosphere throughout the premises.





IAB AWARD 2023







WORKSHOP ON TRANSFORMING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT THROUGH SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS BANGLADESH



On September 23, 2023, the inaugural workshop for the joint project "Transforming the Built Environment Through Sustainable Materials - Bangladesh" was held at CIRDAP premises. The project, led by UNEP and implemented by UN-Habitat and UNOPS, aims to decarbonize the buildings and construction sector by 2050 and is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The initiative is also being implemented in Ghana, Senegal, India, and Bangladesh from January 2023 to June 2024.

Dr. Md. Ashikur Rahman Joarder, Professor of Environment and Energy at BUET and Co-Convenor of the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, participated in the workshop. Ms. Aziza Usoof, Monitoring and Reporting Manager at UN-Habitat, and Dr. Alicia Regodon Puyalto, Senior Sustainability Analyst at UNOPS, presented on project details and country assessment tools.

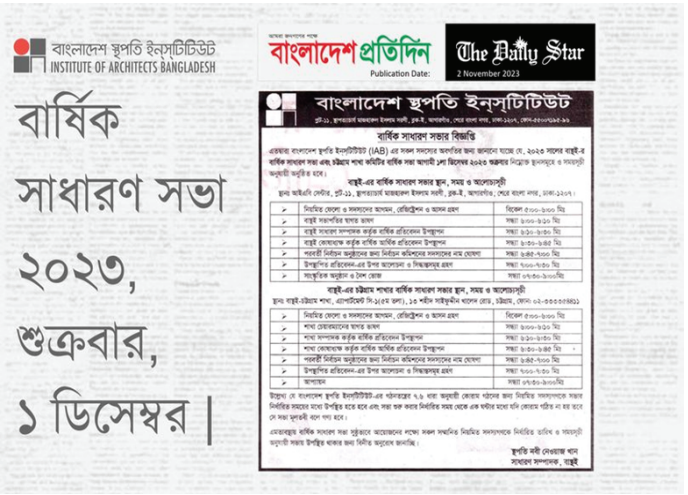
During the workshop, Prof. Joarder recommended including IAB representatives in several Project Working Teams to address national priorities, urban planning, and construction supply chains. He emphasized three key factors for the project's success: 1) Leveraging existing local research and efforts in life cycle analysis and zero emissions roadmaps, 2) Setting short-term milestones with specific targets, and 3) Providing architects with training and resources, such as a digital 'Material Library,' to design zero-emission buildings effectively.

The workshop concluded with an open discussion led by Chief Guest Kazi Wasi Uddin, Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Public Works.

"REMEMBRANCE" 4TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY AR. RABIUL HUSSAIN







'100 WOMEN: ARCHITECTS IN PRACTICE'
IN RIBA JOURNAL'S

The recent RIBA Books publication, 100 Women: Architects in Practice, has highlighted three world-leading female architects who exemplify excellence in the field. This publication addresses the gender imbalance in architecture, showcasing 100 exceptional women architects from around the globe.

Among the distinguished architects featured is Ar. Suhailey Farzana from Bangladesh. Co-founder of Co.Creation.Architects, Farzana's work focuses on responding to community needs, particularly those of women, and fostering local environmental renewal. Her projects, including the Jhenaidah Citywide People's Network, reflect a commitment to improving local ecology and empowering communities through architecture.

Farzana's practice is described as 'very organic,' emphasizing co-design and co-creation with communities who often self-fund their building projects. Her approach promotes equity and community-led development. Farzana's work is seen as a testament to the power of architecture to address societal needs and enhance the built environment.

This publication is a step towards correcting the gender imbalance in the architecture profession and amplifying the voices of women who should be celebrated globally.

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CAA WEBINAR EXPLORES EXPANSION OF MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTS

On November 22, 2023, a webinar organized by the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) delved into the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA), which facilitates the seamless practice of architecture among Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom under specific conditions. The discussion centered on the advantages of the MRA, particularly in enhancing professional mobility and fostering collaboration between the participating nations.

The potential expansion of the MRA to include additional countries within the Commonwealth Association of Architects was also highlighted. The benefits of such an expansion were emphasized, promising increased opportunities for architects and bolstered global cooperation.

The IAB delegation, including the President, Vice President of International Affairs, Secretary of Seminars and Conventions, and Secretary of Education, actively contributed to the discussion. Their insights and expertise were integral in exploring the future of the MRA and its impact on professional growth and international collaboration.

The webinar underscored the CAA's commitment to empowering architects globally and setting the stage for future collaborations and enhanced opportunities within the Commonwealth.

5TH CYCLE (2022-2023) "KSRM AWARDS FOR FUTURE ARCHITECTS"

The 5th cycle (2022-2023) of the "KSRM Awards for Future Architects" has been announced in association with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). This esteemed initiative, sponsored by KSRM, a leading steel manufacturer in Bangladesh, aims to recognize outstanding thesis and final projects from graduating students of IAB-accredited architecture schools in the country.

The awards are designed to honor the best student projects, celebrate the contributions of studio teachers and schools, and showcase exemplary work from the architecture schools.

The following prizes will be awarded:

1st Prize: Tk. 100,000, a Certificate, and a Crest
2nd Prize: Tk. 75,000, a Certificate, and a Crest
3rd Prize: Tk. 50,000, a Certificate, and a Crest
Commendations: Certificates

The award cycle calendar is as follows:

15.11.2023: Call for Entries
05.12.2023: Submission Deadline (online)
07.12.2023: Jury Day
Dates for Model Submission, Exhibition, and Winner Announcement will be determined post-election.



Each architecture school is allowed to submit up to three entries. Disqualification may occur if eligibility or submission requirements are not met or if there is any attempt to influence the Jury.

Eligible students and schools are encouraged to participate in this prestigious program. For more details, visit IAB's event page.

IAB ANNUAL SPORTS FESTIVAL 2023 OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED

On November 24, 2023, the IAB Annual Sports Festival 2023 was officially inaugurated at the IAB Center in Agargaon. The event was launched with enthusiasm and was attended by notable figures, including Ar. Prof. Md. Khairul Enam, Head of the Department of Architecture at Daffodil International University and former Head of the Architecture Department at BUET, who served as the chief guest.

The inauguration ceremony was presided over by Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, the President of the 25th Executive Council of IAB. Distinguished special guests included Mr. MAK Yuree, a celebrated global record holder and pride of Bangladesh, and Sabina Khatun, the captain of the national women's football team. Former IAB President Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir and Ar. Jalal Ahmed also attended.

The event, moderated by Ar. Md. Selim Altaf Biplob, featured remarks from the current Sports Committee Chairman Ar. D S Fawad Hyder and Sports Committee Member Secretary Ar. Md. Masudur Rahman Khan. A symbolic ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the official start of the festival, conducted by the honored guests.

The festival, which brings together architects from across the country for various sports competitions, also offers a valuable opportunity for networking and relationship-building among professionals. The event is supported by prominent Bangladeshi companies in the building materials industry, including National Development Engineers Ltd, Meghna Group of Industries, CHB Engineering Ltd, Swish.Global, Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd, and X Ceramics Group.



"REMEMBRANCE" 4TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY AR. RABIUL HUSAIN

On November 25, 2023, the fourth death anniversary of poet-architect Rabiul Husain was commemorated at the Liberation War Museum, Dhaka. The event, titled 'Remembrance Rabiul Husain,' was graced by IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, who underscored Husain's unique dual role as both an architect and a poet.

A documentary film was presented, showcasing significant moments from Husain's life and his contributions to Bangladesh. IAB Vice-President (National Affairs) Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi reflected on Husain's ability to merge architecture with poetry, emphasizing his timeless impact. Sara Zaker, trustee of Muktijudda Jadughar, hosted the event. Mofidul Haque, researcher and trustee of the Liberation War Museum, noted that the commemoration was a joint effort between the Liberation War Museum and the Bangladesh Institute of Architects, reinforcing the connection Hussain fostered between the institutions.

Earlier in the day, a delegation from both institutions visited the memorial pit in Mirpur slaughterhouse to honor Hussain. In the afternoon, Ar. Shamsul Wares inaugurated the 'No' exhibition at the IAB Center, highlighting the legacy of the 'Na' newspaper, which Husain and his colleagues initiated in the sixties. The exhibition is scheduled to run daily until November 28.





MEETING WITH CENTRAL PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL UNIT (CPTU)

On November 28, 2023, a delegation from the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) engaged in a significant meeting with Mr. Md Shoheler Rahman Chowdhury, Director General of the Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), Ministry of Planning. The meeting focused on addressing issues related to the appointment of architectural consultants.
A report, which included strategic aspects and specific amendment proposals, was submitted to the CPTU. The Director General assured a thorough review of the proposed amendments. The proposal advocated for several changes, including the evaluation of architectural awards and certificates, a preference for the Quality-Based Selection (QBS) system over the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) system, prioritization of architectural competitions for public buildings, and the implementation of a design evaluation system using rubrics. The meeting was led by IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed and included participation from Secretary Profession Ar. Md. Nazmul Haque Bulbul and IAB CEO Mr. Moahammad Mohiuddin Khan. IAB plans to follow up on the proposed changes and ensure the effective implementation of the Public Procurement Act 2006 and Rules 2008 to enhance the role of architecture in public interest, economic development, and environmentally sustainable services.



EMINENT ARTIST RAFIQUN NABI CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY WITH TRIBUTES

On November 28, 2023, the 80th birthday of renowned Bangladeshi artist Rafiqun Nabi was celebrated with great honor and affection. Known for his contributions as a cartoonist, painter, and Emeritus Professor at Dhaka University's Faculty of Fine Arts, Nabi received a heartfelt tribute on this milestone occasion.

The Faculty of Fine Arts organized a special exhibition and felicitation ceremony in his honor. The exhibition, showcasing Nabi's cartoons, covers, and posters, was inaugurated at the Zainul Gallery by Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr ASM Maksud Kamal.

The event was graced by numerous distinguished guests, including Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni, eminent artist Hashem Khan, Professor Nazrul Islam, former Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman, art maestro Professor Mustafa Monowar, Faculty Dean Professor Nisar Hossain, and dramatist Ramendu Majumder. Asaduzzaman Noor reminisced about Nabi's role during the Liberation War, highlighting his contributions to revolutionary handmade posters. Various personalities and institutions, including the Bangladesh National Museum, Gallery Cosmos, Daily Prothom Alo, Bengal Foundation, and the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (IAB), honored Nabi with flowers and accolades. Ar. Mohammed Ziaul Sharif, Secretary for Culture and Heritage at IAB, represented the institute at the event.

Rafiqun Nabi, born in Chapainawabganj on November 28, 1943, has been a pivotal figure in Bangladeshi art. He studied at Dhaka University's Faculty of Fine Arts and later at the Athens School of Fine Arts. His iconic character 'Tokai' first appeared in 1977, and he was awarded the Ekushey Padak in 1993 for his contributions to art.



NEW ACCREDITATION FOR ARCHITECTURE PROGRAMS

On November 29, 2023, the Department of Architecture at Bangladesh University and Daffodil International University were granted conditional accreditation by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) for a period of two years. The 25th Executive Council has expressed the hope that the Departments of Architecture at these universities will promptly address and resolve the conditions outlined in the accreditation. It is anticipated that both departments will work towards extending their accreditation by ensuring their educational programs align with IAB's standards and principles.

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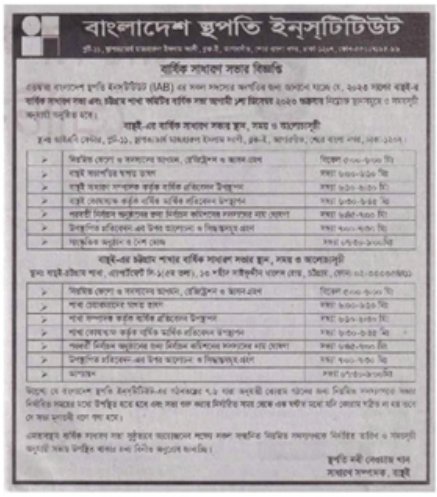

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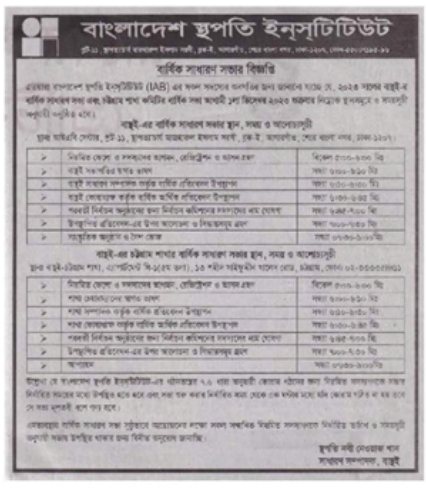

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY





On December 5, 2023, a roundtable discussion on "Mainstreaming Universal Accessibility in Planning and Infrastructure Policies of Bangladesh" was hosted by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). The event was part of a broader initiative by the government of Bangladesh and UN Habitat to integrate the principle of “Leaving No One Behind” into national urban policies and programs, in alignment with SDG 11 & 6. The workshop and stakeholder consultation took place at the IAB Centre in Agargaon, Sher-E-Banglanagar. Over twenty-five experts and representatives from various sectors, including the Housing and Building Research Institute (HBRI), the Department of Architecture, the Bangladesh Society for the Change and Advocacy Nexus (B-SCAN), and the Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP), participated in the event.

The discussion focused on strategies to incorporate universal accessibility into planning and infrastructure policies, aiming to enhance inclusivity and ensure that urban development serves all segments of society.

LATE PROFESSOR KHALEDA EKRAM AWARDED BEGUM ROKEYA PADAK 2023 (POSTHUMOUS)



On December 9, 2023, the late Professor Khaleda Ekram, the first woman Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and an Honorary Fellow of the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (IAB), was posthumously awarded the 'Begum Rokeya Padak 2023.' The award ceremony, organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, was part of the celebrations for 'Begum Rokeya Day 2023,' marking the 143rd birth and 91st death anniversaries of Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain.

The award was presented by the Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, to five distinguished women for their exceptional contributions to society, women's education, and empowerment. Professor Khaleda Ekram was the first to be recognized at the event. Professor Ekram's lifelong dedication to advancing the role of women in architectural education, research, and science and technology professions was highlighted as a key reason for her posthumous recognition. The Bangladesh Institute of Architects respectfully acknowledged her outstanding contributions and extended sincere wishes to her family during this proud and momentous occasion.

DESIGN FOR ALL
WORKSHOP ON DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE URBAN PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN HELD

On December 9, 2023, the workshop “Design for All” was held at Police Plaza Concord, Gulshan 1, organized by the Bangladesh Business and Disability Network (BBDN) in collaboration with UN-Habitat and the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). The event focused on disability-inclusive urban planning and infrastructure design, aligning with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 6, 8, and 11.



The workshop aimed to raise awareness, build capacity, and align strategies with SDGs and the National Action Plan. Discussions covered policy responses, practical experiences, and solutions for inclusive environments, with emphasis on employer roles and UN-Habitat’s universal accessibility initiatives.

Speakers included Murteza Rafi Khan (BBDN), Dr. Priyanka Kochhar (UN-Habitat), Salma Mahbub (BSCAN), Mr. KZH Taufiq (Ministry of Housing), and Shabab Rehan Kabir (Department of Architecture). Contributions from IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandakar Shabbir Ahmed and Rajuk Chief Architect Mr. Mostac Ahmed enriched the discussions, paving the way for more inclusive urban planning. The workshop not only enriched participants with knowledge but also paved the way for a more inclusive and accessible future in urban planning.

OPEN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

An open architectural design competition for the Purbachal International Convention Center at Purbachal New Town, Dhaka, has been announced by Rajdhani Unnayan Katripakkha (RAJUK) in collaboration with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). Architects are invited to submit design proposals that align with RAJUK's vision and mission, addressing sustainability, functionality, and the specific objectives outlined in the competition brief.

The competition site is located at Plot ID 01-102-044a, Sector 1 (Yusufganj), Purbachal New Town, with a land area of 38,270 square meters (9.46 acres). The front road width is 22.86 meters (75 feet).

A prize pool has been established, with the first prize set at Tk. 8,00,000, the second prize at Tk. 6,00,000, and the third prize at Tk. 4,00,000, with six awards in total. Additionally, honorable mentions will receive Tk. 1,50,000 each.

The jury panel includes notable architects such as Ar. Mohd. Asaduz Zaman from Singapore, Ar. Md. Ehsan Khan, Ar. Naushad Ehsanul Haque, Ar. Niklaus Graber from Switzerland, and Prof. Engr. Raquib Ahsan, Ph.D.

Registration for the competition is open from November 30, 2023, to December 21, 2023, with a one-time registration fee of Tk. 3,000. Architects must obtain a registration number and competition brief from the IAB office and submit their registration form via email by December 21, 2023. Queries related to the competition are to be submitted online or via email by January 4, 2024. The final design submissions are due by April 4, 2024, at the IAB Centre.

Rajdhani Unnayan Katripakkha (RAJUK)
in association with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) is calling for design proposals for an
OPEN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION
for the Design of **Purbachal International Convention Center,**
at Purbachal New Town, Dhaka

CRITERIA	The proposed design will consider the vision and mission of RAJUK and satisfy the objectives of the competition brief considering the context, principles of sustainability and functionality.	
SITE	Site:	Plot ID 01-102-044a, Sector 1 (Yusufganj), Purbachal New Town, Dhaka.
	Front Road Width	22.86 meters (75 Feet)
	Land Area	38,270 square meters (9.46 Acres /4,11,964 SFT)
PRIZES	First Prize	Tk. 8,00,000.00 (Taka eight lac only) & certificate
	Second Prize	Tk. 6,00,000.00 (Taka six lac only) & certificate
	Third Prize	Tk. 4,00,000.00 (Taka four lac only) & certificate
	Honorable Mention	(Six nos.) Tk. 1,50,000.00 (Taka one lac fifty thousand only) & certificate for each.
JURORS	Ar. Mohd. Asaduz Zaman	Singapore
	Ar. Md. Ehsan Khan	Bangladesh
	Ar. Naushad Ehsanul Haque, Associate Professor	Bangladesh
	Ar. Niklaus Graber	Switzerland
	Prof. Engr. Raquib Ahsan, Ph.D.	Bangladesh
ELIGIBILITY	The eligibility of the Architect (Team Leader) will be according to the guidelines of the "Imarat Nirman Bidhimala, 2008"	
REGISTRATION	1. Obtain a Registration Number and Competition Brief from IAB office from 30-11-2023 to 21-12-2023 by paying a one-time registration fee of Tk. 3,000.00 (Taka three thousand only).	
	2. Fill-up the registration form, sign and email to iab.rajuk.pcc@gmail.com in PDF format by 21-12-2023. (write 'R- your registration no.' as subject of the email)	
QUERIES	3. For queries submit online or fill-up Queries Form (write ' Q- your registration no.' as subject of the email) and email to iab.rajuk.pcc@gmail.com by 04-01-2024	
TIMELINE	Registration opens: 30-11-2023 Registration closes: 21-12-2023 Last date to submit queries: 04-01-2024 Last date to submit design: 04-04-2024, THURSDAY by 8:00 PM	
VENUE	**IAB CENTRE**, Plot 11, Block E, Sthapatyacharjo Muzharul Islam Soroni (Old roadno. 7), Agargoan, Sher E Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207	
CONTACT	Ar. Mujtaba Ahsan [A-215], Competition Administrator Cell: 01828183859 Email: iab.rajuk.pcc@gmail.com	

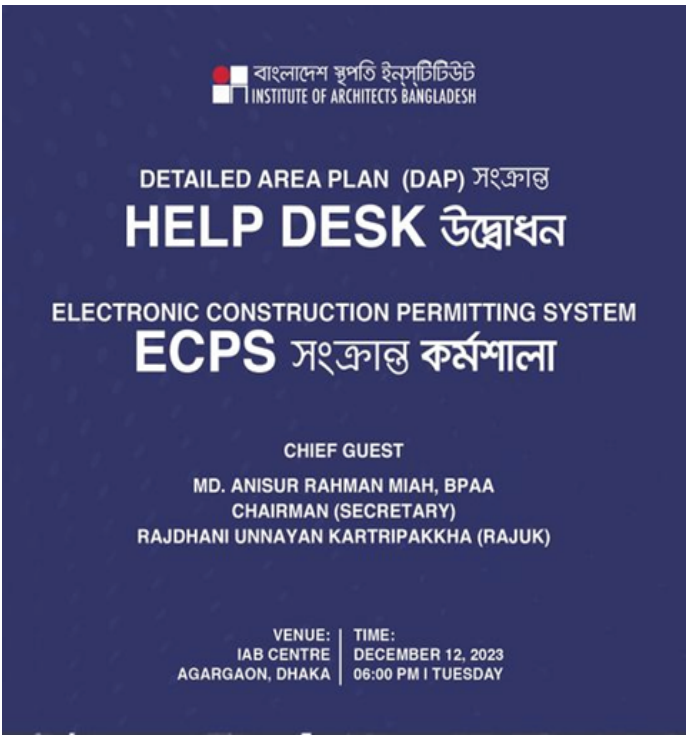
This advertisement is also available on the IAB website: www.iab.com.bd

WORKSHOP ON ELECTRONIC CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING SYSTEM (ECPS)

A workshop on the Electronic Construction Permitting System (ECPS) was held on December 12, 2023. The workshop focused on the comprehensive phase-by-phase process of online registration, team building, technical personnel enlistment, project submission, verification, and the online signature systems for project drawing submission and approval.

The session was inaugurated by Mr. Anisur Rahman Miah, BPAA, Chairman of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (RAJUK), who emphasized the significance of a successful ECPS platform in preventing fraudulent building approvals by corrupt consultants and RAJUK employees.

The event witnessed substantial participation from IAB Executive members and other attendees. The program concluded with considerable appreciation from the participants for the insights and detailed explanations provided. To ensure wider accessibility, the workshop was broadcast live on Facebook, and the recording can be accessed by scanning the provided QR code.



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COMMEMORATION OF "SHAHEED BUDDHIJIBI DIBOSH"

On December 14, Shaheed Buddhijibi Dibosh (Day of the Martyred Intellectuals) was observed with solemnity and respect. This day honors the courageous intellectuals who sacrificed their lives during the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

A delegation from the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), led by Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, President of IAB, laid a wreath at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial, Mirpur at 11:00 AM. The delegation included Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, General Secretary Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, Secretary (Profession) Ar. Md. Nazmul Haque Bulbul, Secretary (Seminars and Convention) Ar. Sabrina Aftab, and Secretary (Heritage and Culture) Ar. Mohammed Ziaul Sharif.

The gathering paid profound homage to the martyred intellectuals, reflecting on their contributions and sacrifices. Prayers were offered for the eternal peace of their souls, ensuring that their value and legacy continue to inspire future generations.



CELEBRATION OF GREAT VICTORY DAY

On December 16, 2023, the Great Victory Day was celebrated with enthusiasm across the country. A delegation from the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) commemorated the day by laying flowers at the Savar National Memorial.
The tribute was led by Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, along with Assistant General Secretary Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, Secretary (Education) Ar. Dr. Md. Nawrose Fatemi, Secretary (Publication & Publicity) Ar. Md. Shafiul Azam Shamim, Secretary (Seminars & Conferences) Ar. Sabrina Aftab, Secretary (Heritage & Culture) Ar. Mohammed Ziaul Sharif, Member Secretary of the IAB Sports Committee and Former Vice President (International) Fellow Ar. Md. Masudur Rahman Khan. Other architects and their Family members along with other attendees also participated in the ceremony.



The delegation paid their respects to the martyrs of the Liberation War of 1971, honoring their bravery and sacrifice. Prayers were offered for the peace of their souls, reflecting on their significant contributions to the nation's independence.

INAUGURATION OF IAB HELP DESK

On December 12, 2023, the detailed regional plan 2022-35 and its 2023 amendment were officially inaugurated by RAJUK Chairman (Secretary) Md. Anisur Rahman, with the aim of facilitating architectural services and addressing related issues.
To assist with any queries or problems concerning the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) and related rules, members are encouraged to submit their concerns through the provided QR code or Google form: https://forms.gle/88eNn5sReb-SPaTQAA
Additionally, the IAB Help Desk will be available every Saturday from 5:00-8:00 PM at the IAB Office to offer support and guidance.
The Bangladesh Institute of Architects remains dedicated to supporting excellence in the architectural profession through these initiatives.



CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FOR ARCHITECT MAZHARUL ISLAM ORGANIZED BY IAB





To commemorate the centenary birth anniversary of Architect Mazharul Islam, a pioneer of modern architecture in Bangladesh, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has organized a series of events.

A “Memorial Lecture” will be held on December 25, 2023. This lecture, delivered by Architect Prof. Shamsul Wares, former president of IAB, will be inaugurated by Architect Kashef Mahbub Chowdhury, Convener of the Centenary Celebration Committee. The Hon'ble Minister of State for Power, Energy, and Mineral Resources, Mr. Nasrul Hamid, will grace the event as a special guest.

In addition to the lecture, an exhibition celebrating Architect Mazharul Islam’s contributions to architecture will be open from December 22 to 25, 2023. The exhibition is being held at Manik Mia Avenue and will showcase his influential works and legacy.

These events aim to honor Architect Mazharul Islam’s significant impact on modern architecture and to reflect on his enduring influence in the field.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON ARCHITECT MAZHARUL ISLAM'S CENTENARY



A roundtable discussion titled "Architect Mazharul Islam's Birth Centenary: Bangladesh Development and Spirit of Art Culture" was held at the Prothom Alo office in Dhaka on December 21, 2023. The event, organized by the Mazharul Islam Foundation and Prothom Alo, focused on the contributions of Mazharul Islam, a pioneer of modern architecture in Bangladesh.

The discussion highlighted how Mazharul Islam's work incorporated Bangladesh's traditions, climate, and people, contrasting with current urban development trends which favor glass-enclosed and climate-controlled buildings. Minister of State for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid emphasized that while art and architecture can be taught, their deeper philosophies cannot be easily replicated. He called for a return to the principles of Mazharul Islam's democratic and environmentally sensitive architecture.

Ar. Adnan Zillur Morshed presented Mazharul Islam's work, praising his blend of modernity with local climate considerations and advocating for his inclusion in educational curriculums. Other speakers, including Emeritus Professor Nazrul Islam, Ar. Samsul Wares, and actress Sara Zaker, echoed the need to reconnect with Mazharul Islam's philosophy and integrate nature into architecture. The discussion concluded with calls to embrace local knowledge and involve communities in development, honoring Mazharul Islam's legacy of connecting architecture with the people and environment.

COMPLETION OF HOUSE FOR AYATUN BIBI

IAB'S 100 HOMES PROJECT

In May 2023, a 15-member survey team from IAB's "100 Homes Project," led by Architect Shibu Prashad Bosu, visited the residence of Ayatun Bibi in Padmanagar, Kachua upazila, Bagerhat district. The structure, which was more accurately described as an abandoned shed, was in dire conditions. Ayatun Bibi, a widow, and her two daughters lived in this inadequate shelter, struggling with severe poverty and health issues. The survey revealed that the three women, who lacked familial ties, cooked separately despite sharing the same kitchen. Their severe living conditions included inadequate clothing and health issues exacerbated by malnutrition.
The IAB Social Responsibility Committee, alongside the 100 Homes Design Team, undertook the design and construction of a new house for these women. The project was executed under the direct supervision of architect Shibu Basu, with the local community actively involved in all stages of construction. Notably, all costs related to the team's travel, accommodation, and supervision were covered by the architects personally, ensuring that the entire donation fund was allocated directly to the construction of the house.
The completed house now provides a safe and dignified living space for Ayatun Bibi and her daughters, reflecting the project's commitment to improving living conditions through community and professional support.



INAUGURATION OF ARCHITECT MUZHARUL ISLAM EXHIBITION

On December 22, 2023, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) inaugurated an exhibition in honor of architect Muzharul Islam, marking the centenary of his birth. Renowned as a pioneer of modern architecture in Bangladesh, Muzharul Islam's contributions were highlighted in this special exhibition.

The event was inaugurated with a ceremony held at Manik Mia Avenue, celebrating the life and achievements of the distinguished architect. The exhibition showcases various aspects of his work and legacy, reflecting his significant impact on the field of architecture.

The exhibition will be open to the public from December 22 to December 25, 2023, daily from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. This exhibition provides an opportunity for visitors to explore and appreciate the innovative and influential work of Muzharul Islam.

The IAB invites all to visit the exhibition and gain insight into the contributions of one of Bangladesh's foremost architects.







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IAB ANNUAL SPORTS FESTIVAL 2023
CONCLUDES WITH ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) successfully concluded its Annual Sports Festival 2023, which began on November 17 and ended on December 29, 2023. The festival, held under the theme "Scoring for People and the Planet," aligned with the UN's International Day of Sports for Development and Peace 2023, emphasizing the importance of mental relief and community building among architects.

The opening ceremony, held on November 24, featured prominent guests, including Daffodil International University Head of Department Prof. Md. Khairul Enam, Bangladesh Women's National Football Team Captain Sabina Khatun, and was presided over by Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, President of the 25th Executive Council of IAB.

This year, the festival saw over 600 architects register, with 357 architects and 95 student members actively participating in various events. The sports included cricket, football, badminton, table tennis, chess, and carrom, with the football and cricket events featuring 12 teams each. Team Spartans and Team Titans emerged as champions in cricket and football, respectively.

The closing ceremony on December 29 was graced by Chief Guest Ar. Prof. Shamsul Wares and notable figures like Bangladesh's first chess Grandmaster Niaz Murshed and former national footballer Ashraf Uddin Ahmed Chunnu. The event was presided over by IAB Vice-President Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, marking the successful culmination of this vibrant and unifying festival.

Event partners for the festival included National Development Engineers Ltd (NDE), Meghna Group of Industries (Fresh Ceramics), CHB Engineering Ltd, Swish.Global, Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd., and X Ceramics Group.



CHESS TOURNAMENT 2023 RESULTS

The Chess Tournament, held as part of the IAB Annual Sports Festival, took place on November 25, December 8, and December 9, 2023. We are pleased to announce the results:
Champion: Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi
Runner-Up: Ar. Ahmad Murshed Anam
Third Place: Ar. Anik Das
Congratulations to the winners and all participants for their outstanding performances, which made the Chess Tournament a memorable and successful event! The tournament was expertly conducted by the Bangladesh Chess Federation, and an interim ranking has been published.
A special thanks is extended to Ar. Mohammad Ali Naqi, Ar. Sufian Reza, and all the dedicated volunteers for their invaluable contributions in ensuring the smooth execution of the tournament.





CRICKET TOURNAMENT FINAL DAY

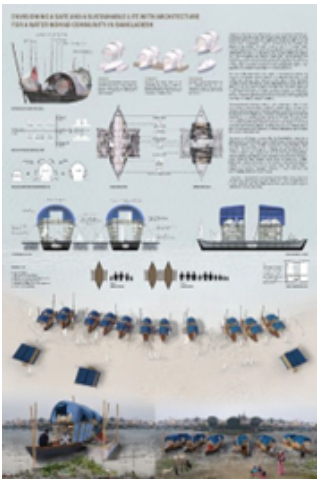
After a series of thrilling matches in the Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals, and the Final, we are delighted to announce the winners of the Cricket Tournament:
Champion: Spartans
Runner-Up: Titans
Other Semi-Finalists: Strikers & Conquerors
Awards:
Player of the Tournament: Md. Sharin Alam Sha Eshan (Titans) - 180 Runs & 7 Wickets
Best Batsman: Hasan Al Zabir (Spartans) - 200 Runs
Best Bowler: Md. Sharin Alam Sha Eshan (Titans) - 7 Wickets
Congratulations to the winners and all outstanding performers for their remarkable contributions and performances! A heartfelt thanks is extended to all participants for their exceptional efforts, which made the Cricket Tournament a memorable and successful event.





WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR IAB'S ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION FOR WATER NOMAD COMMUNITIES

Position	Participants Name	Registration No.
First	Ar. Shafique Rahman, Mashkura Chowdhury, Nabilah Nargis, Jeenat Sharmin Yuki, Rakib Patwary, Md. Abu Bakkar Siddik	WNC25EC116IAB
Second	Md. Iftekhar Rashid, Shahriar Mahmud , Maurid Hasan, Afsary Islam Toma	WNC25EC119IAB
Third	Maherul Kader Prince , Mashraba Islam ushno , Debadrita Halder, Zahin Shahriar	WNC25EC317IAB
Honorable Mention	Mohammad Asadujjaman, Sumaiya Sarkar, Mst. Momotaz Begum, Pushpa Roy	WNC25EC025IAB
	Bin Sayeed Bakhti, Israt Jahan , Rahat Ibna Hasan , Amit Krishna Sarker, Tania Rahman , Sawmik Nowroz	WNC25EC142IAB
	Mahia Mustary Nushin, Aqib Mohammad Nibir, Samia Anwar Rafa	WNC25EC055IAB
	A K M Roich Uddin Alif, Md Sajjad Hossain	WNC25EC075IAB
	Amran Hasan ,Kazi Galib, Sabrina Hossain, Jamima Nasrin Peya	WNC25EC114IAB
	M. M. Rashidul Hassan, Arnab Kumar Sarker, K. M. Sabbir Ahmed, Nowshin Lamisa Choudhury	WNC25EC019IAB



The results of the "Envisioning a Safe and Sustainable Life with Architecture for a Water Nomad Community in Bangladesh" Open Architectural Design Competition were announced on December 22, 2023. The competition, organized by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) in collaboration with Oxfam in Bangladesh, sought to inspire innovative architectural solutions for the unique challenges faced by water nomad communities in the country.

Following a thorough evaluation and deliberation process by the esteemed panel of judges, the outstanding efforts and creative ideas presented by the participants were acknowledged. The competition aimed to highlight the potential of architecture in improving the lives of these communities by envisioning safe and sustainable living environments.

IAB and Oxfam extend their heartfelt congratulations to all participants for their dedication and ingenuity, and they look forward to seeing the impact of these innovative designs on the future of water nomad communities in Bangladesh.





INAUGURAL MEETING OF IAB HELP DESK

The first session of the "IAB Help Desk," established to address professional concerns of members of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), took place on Saturday, December 23, 2023, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the IAB office. The session marked the beginning of a regular activity aimed at providing support and resolving issues faced by IAB members.

During the meeting, a total of 28 professional problems, primarily related to the determination of FAR index, planning permits, and ECPS, were discussed and addressed. Members actively participated, contributing their views and engaging in the resolution process. The Help Desk was represented by Ar. Md. Nazmul Haque Bulbul, Secretary (Professional), IAB, serving as the convenor, along with Ar. Talukdar Abdullah Al Muqit as the member secretary, and Ar. Hasan Shahriar Khan and Ar. Md Abdullah as members.

Members are encouraged to reach out to the IAB Help Desk for assistance with issues concerning Area Plans, Rules, FAR Index, ECPS, or other professional matters. The IAB office is available for in-person consultations every Saturday evening from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Interested members can schedule a meeting by completing the Google form available at this link. https://forms.gle/WvRfMWSTY7ofj7bB7

This initiative reflects IAB's ongoing commitment to supporting its members and ensuring that their professional challenges are effectively addressed.



INAUGURAL MEETING OF IAB HELP DESK

A Heritage Tour has been organized by IAB on 29th December 2023. Details of which are available in the attached e-poster.

Due to the requests of many interested architects, the registration period has been extended till 25th December 2023. It is requested to register by going to the link of the attached Google Form according to the information mentioned in the poster within the said date.

Registration Link : https://forms.gle/tCqLwvqeuz9gEXPF6



IAB DELEGATION HONORS SHAPTACHARYA MUZHARUL ISLAM 100TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

n observance of the 100th birth anniversary of Shaptacharya Muzharul Islam, a delegation from the 25th Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) paid tribute to the revered architect by visiting his tomb at the Mirpur Martyr Intellectual Cemetery. The visit was a solemn occasion to honor the legacy of one of the pioneers of modern architecture in Bangladesh.

During the visit, the delegation observed “a moment of silence” in memory of Shaptacharya Muzharul Islam, reflecting on his profound contributions to the field of architecture. A prayer was also offered for the peace of his departed soul, with the members expressing deep respect and admiration for his enduring impact on the profession.

Shaptacharya Muzharul Islam’s influence continues to inspire generations of architects in Bangladesh and beyond. His work, characterized by its integration of modernist principles with local environmental and cultural contexts, remains a benchmark for excellence in architectural design.

The visit to his tomb by the IAB delegation on this significant anniversary underscored the Institute’s commitment to preserving and celebrating the legacy of Shaptacharya Muzharul Islam. The gesture was a reminder of the lasting imprint he has left on the architectural landscape of Bangladesh.



100TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION OF ARCHITECT MUZHARUL ISLAM

On December 25, 2023, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) organized a discussion program titled "Ar. Muzharul Islam Memorial Lecture" to commemorate the centenary birth anniversary of the legendary architect Ar. Muzharul Islam. The event took place in Dhaka, honoring the profound impact of Ar. Muzharul Islam on modern architecture in Bangladesh.

The keynote address was delivered by Ar. Samsul Wares, who vividly presented the life and work of Ar. Muzharul Islam. He highlighted Ar. Islam's pioneering role in introducing modern architecture to Bangladesh, emphasizing his ability to blend environmental and cultural elements into his designs. Ar. Wares noted that Ar. Islam's quick learning ability and innovative approach enabled him to create world-class architectural masterpieces.

The event was graced by the presence of the Honorable State Minister for Power, Energy, and Mineral Resources, Mr. Nasrul Hamid, as a special guest. He praised the aesthetic and environmental sensitivity in Ar. Muzharul Islam's work, particularly his use of natural light and air. He emphasized the relevance of Ar. Islam's environmental considerations, which were ahead of their time, and urged the new generation of architects to draw inspiration from his style.

IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed and Ar. Kashef Mahbub Chowdhury, convenor of the centenary celebration committee, also spoke at the event, further reflecting on Ar. Muzharul Islam's enduring legacy.





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PUBLIC LECTURE: MITIGATING URBAN HEAT IN CITIES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

On December 26, 2023, a public lecture titled "Mitigating Urban Heat in Cities in the Global South through Effective Urban Planning and Design" took place at the IAB Centre, Agargaon. Dr. Tania Sharmin, a senior lecturer in sustainable environmental design at Cardiff University, UK, led the discussion.

Dr. Sharmin, a prominent researcher on urban climate and thermal comfort, addressed the growing challenge of the Urban Heat Island (UHI) phenomenon in rapidly expanding cities across the Global South. She emphasized how the loss of green areas, depletion of water sources, and the predominance of steel and concrete structures contribute to rising temperatures, exacerbated by climate change.



The lecture highlighted case studies from Dhaka, Ahmedabad, and Cairo, demonstrating how strategic urban planning, including appropriate urban form and the integration of greenery, can significantly reduce air and radiant temperatures.

The event, which began at 6:30 pm, was also broadcast live on Facebook, allowing a broader audience to engage. Dr. Sharmin's multidisciplinary approach, linking urban design with climatology, provided valuable insights into creating more livable and sustainable cities.

The lecture was well-received, with participants appreciating the practical strategies shared for mitigating urban heat in vulnerable regions of the Global South.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 (PROVISIONAL)

The Annual General Meeting 2023 (provisional) will be held today at 5:30 PM at IAB Office. Your presence is highly desirable.



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2024

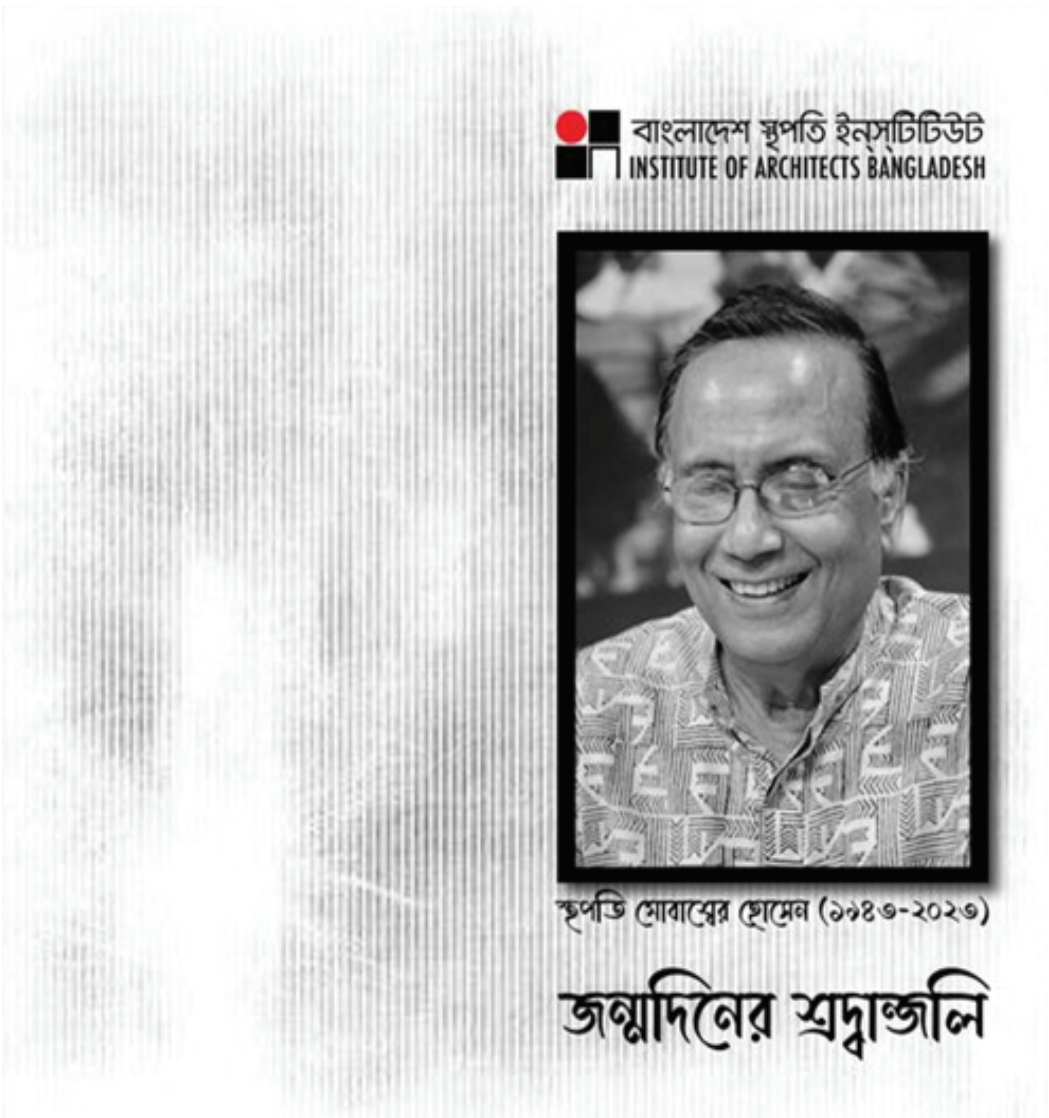
December 27, 2023, marks the first birth anniversary of the late Ar. Mubasshar Hussain after his passing. On this day, we pay tribute to a remarkable individual whose contributions to architecture continue to inspire and influence the field.

Ar. Mubasshar Hussain was renowned for his visionary approach to design, emphasizing sustainable and community-focused architecture. His work reflected a deep commitment to creating spaces that were not only functional but also enriched the lives of those who used them. He was a mentor and a leader who believed in the power of architecture to drive social change and improve urban living.

His legacy is evident in the many projects he spearheaded, each characterized by innovation, creativity, and a respect for the environment. Ar. Mubasshar Hussain's influence extended beyond his designs; he inspired countless young architects to think critically and act responsibly in their work.

As we honor his memory on his birth anniversary, we remember his dedication to the profession and his relentless pursuit of excellence. Though he is no longer with us, his spirit continues to guide and motivate those who follow in his footsteps.

Today, we celebrate Ar. Mubasshar Hussain's life and legacy with deep respect, keeping his vision and values alive in our hearts and work.



IAB HERITAGE TOUR 2024
“EXPLORE BALIATI ZAMINDAR BARI”

On December 29, 2023, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) organized a heritage tour titled "Explore Baliati Zamindar Bari." The tour saw participation from the IAB President, accompanied by his family, along with 25th Executive Council Treasurer Architect Mir Md. Naian Sakib and Secretary of Heritage and Culture, Architect Mohammed Ziaul Sharif. A total of 80 participants, including fellows, members, associate members, and student members, took part in the event. The journey commenced at 8:40 am from IAB and reached Baliati Zamindar Bari at 11:30 am, with brief stops at Hawa Khana and Ishwar Chandra Vidyalaya along the way. Fellow Ar. Sazzadur Rasheed assumed the role of Chief Curator for the tour.
Upon arrival at Baliati Zamindar Bari, a surprise competition was organized, featuring categories in photography and hand sketching. The tour concluded in the afternoon with a captivating performance of Baul songs and the distribution of prizes to the competition winners at the Oikitatan of Dotra. Following an evening breakfast, the group departed for Dhaka from Baliati, marking the end of a culturally enriching experience.
The following three winners were in photography.
Ar. Tasmia Tabassum
Ar. Raida Islam Alvira
Ar. Mahmud Hasan Riaz

And the following three won the Hand sketch.
Ar. Md. Ridwanul Haque
Ar. Rafi Uddin Mahmud
Architect provision.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 (PROVISIONAL)

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) successfully reconvened its Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year 2023 on December 30, 2023, at the IAB CENTRE, following an initial postponement due to a quorum crisis earlier in the month. The meeting, which saw the attendance of 75 fellows and members, was chaired by IAB President, Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandker Shabbir Ahmed, who opened the proceedings with a welcome address.

General Secretary Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan presented the annual report, which was approved after being moved by Ar. Bikash Saud Ansary (A-054) and seconded by Ar. Md. Masudur Rahman Khan (K-036). Treasurer Architect Mir Md. Naian Sakib then presented the annual financial report, which also received unanimous approval, with Ar. Mohammad Mizanur Rahman Dewan (D-020) proposing its acceptance and Ar. Md. Helal Uddin (U-006) seconding the motion.

The AGM featured an open discussion on the annual report, during which several important issues were raised. Ar. K. M. Rezaul Karim (K-043) emphasized the necessity of establishing government posts for architects across Bangladesh's 495 upazilas and 330 municipalities to ensure planned development. The Executive Council was urged to take proactive steps in this regard.

A proposal by Ar. Bikash Saud Ansary (A-054) to honor Engr. Sheikh Muhammad Shahidullah for his significant contributions to the Built Environment was unanimously accepted, with the Executive Council expected to finalize details.

Concerns regarding the activities of a RAJUK-formed working group tasked with discussing architects' recommendations on DAP, and the distribution of minutes from the 2022 biennial general meeting and election, were raised by Ar. Qazi M Arif (A-059). The meeting was informed that the working group had not convened despite repeated requests, and that minutes from the 2022 meeting had not been distributed, though future minutes will be circulated to all members.

Questions were raised by Ar. Md. Sadekur Rahman (R-121) about the selection process for IAB representatives on municipal building construction approval committees. Secretary (Profession) Ar. Md. Nazmul Haque Bulbul reassured that representatives are selected periodically and those without disciplinary complaints would be nominated.

The need for architects' involvement in public welfare activities was highlighted by Ar. Md. Masudur Rahman Khan (K-036), with Architect Khan Md. Mahfuzul Haque Zuglul underscoring the participation of architects in initiatives like the 100 Homes Project.

Questions were also raised regarding the recruitment process of a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the IAB Office. The President informed attendees that an organogram and selection boards had been established for recruitment, leading to the CEO's appointment.

Further discussions addressed the availability of essential books in the IAB Library. The President assured that efforts would be made to acquire and preserve necessary books, and a library-based reading cycle program was in development.

Members also discussed the participation of Executive Council members in architectural competitions organized by IAB, with suggestions for amending the current Competition Guidelines.

Proposals for an "Idea Competition" for the construction of a new IAB building were brought forward by Ar. ABM Mahbubul Malik (M-019) and Ar. Md. Masudur Rahman Khan (K-036), with the Executive Council set to deliberate further on the matter.

Issues of punctuality at committee meetings and involvement in the construction of the new IAB building were also highlighted by Ar. Md. Helal Uddin (U-006), leading the Executive Council to consider necessary measures.

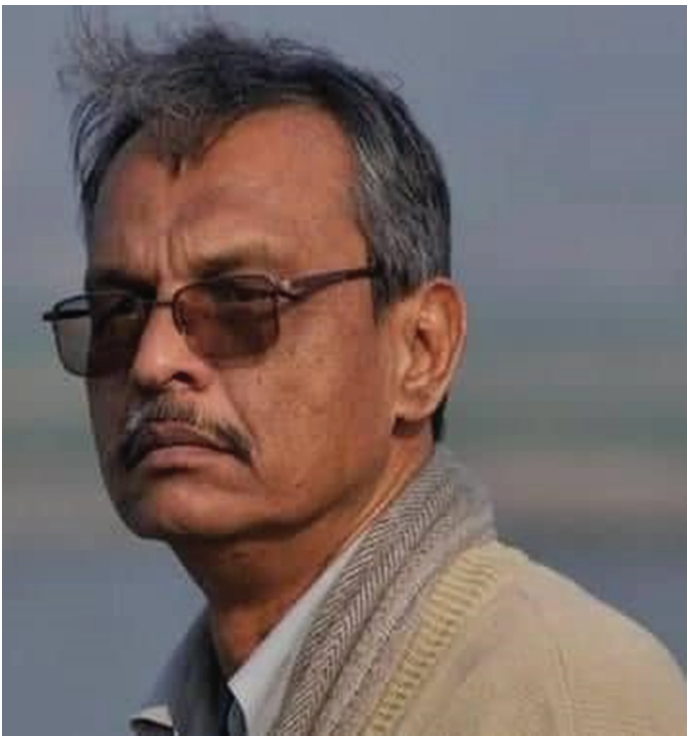
Concerns over fire hazards at Rupganj Gauchia Market in Narayanganj were raised by Ar. Mohammad Mizanur Rahman Dewan (D-020), resulting in the formation of the IAB Advisory Committee on Safety, Health, and Public Protection in the Built Environment. Actions will commence upon receiving representatives from concerned organizations.

Finally, a proposal for effective steps toward implementing a housing project for architects was put forth by Ar. Md. Masudur Rahman Khan (K-036), with the President indicating that a committee would be formed to address this initiative.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all attendees, marking the end of the 2023 AGM.

CONDOLENCES FOR AR. QAZI SHAMSUD TAUHEED

It is with deep sadness that the passing of IAB Fellow Ar. Qazi Shamsud Tauheed (T-001) on October 20, 2023, at noon, is announced (Inna Lillah wa Inna Ilaihe Rajeun). Ar. Tawhid was renowned for his exceptional skills and dedication in the field of architecture. His integrity and profound knowledge were highly esteemed within the profession. The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) extends its heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family. Prayers are offered for the eternal peace of his soul and for strength to his loved ones during this time of grief.




WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY 2023
ARCHITECTURE FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES
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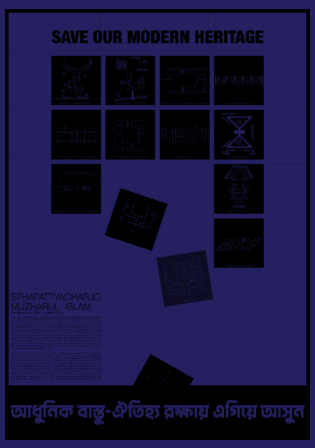
HAPPY
HOLIDAYS



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



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**



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**



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**