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IAB ACTIVITIES: January- November 2017

A joint meeting of the 21st EC and 22nd EC took place on 02 January 2017 at IAB Centre. Members of the 22nd EC started working for their tenure of next two years (2017-2018). Earlier, on the last week of December 2016, president of the 21st EC Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed handed over the charge to Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, president of the 22nd EC.

The 22nd Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh officially started functioning from 1 January 2017. The council meets twice a month. Till date, there have been 20 no-s of EC meetings and 2 no-s of Special meetings.

Following are the activities and events of IAB that took place during the period January to November 2017

(Events are not in order of date)

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The Installation ceremony of the 22nd Executive Council, Institute of Architects Bangladesh was held on 4 February, 2017 at IAB Centre. The evening program was comprised of IAB Design Award 2016, Farewell to the 21st Executive Council, Installation Ceremony of the 22nd Executive Council and a cultural soiree.

More than 700 architects and other invitee attended the colorful evening. The event started with the welcome speech by Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, President, IAB.

Engr. Mosharraf Hossain MP, Hon’ble Minister for Housing & Public Works, Government of the people’s republic of Bangladesh attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest and conducted the oath of 22nd EC members.

Ar. Shaila Joarder, Competition Director, IAB Awards 2016, Immediate Past President Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed were others who spoke on the occasion including IAB General Secretary Qazi M Arif who delivered the Vote of Thanks at the end.

IAB Design Award winners and Commendation Award winners were handed over the crests and certificates by the Guest of Honor and Keynote speaker of the ceremony, Ar. Yeafesh Osman, Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology.

Members of the outgoing 21th Executive Council and members of Election Commission were presented with crests as a token of appreciation. Newly elected 8th Committee members of IAB Chittagong Chapters were introduced.

The program was followed by a dance recital by renowned cultural troupe ‘Vabona’. The audience were enthralled with masterful renditions of the performers.

The evening concluded with a gala dinner.

IAB DESIGN AWARD 2016

The presentation ceremony of ‘IAB Design Award 2016’ was held on 4 February, 2017 at IAB Centre as a part of the events held alongside the Installation Ceremony of the 22nd Executive Council of Institute of Architects of Bangladesh.

‘IAB Design Award’ is the highest honor in the field of architecture in Bangladesh to recognize and honor the creative excellence of architects of Bangladesh. Initiated by IAB in 1996, the award has a two year cycle. In October 2016, design submissions were invited from members of IAB for the 8th cycle, i.e. ‘IAB Design Award 2016’.

For this cycle of awards, the 21st Executive Council of IAB revised the categories to include a wider range of projects. It has 8 categories depending on use and occupancy types. For the first time, awards were given for new categories such as Socio-Cultural and Others, which include Renovation, Landscape and Urban Design.

In the program, Engr. Mosharraf Hossain MP, Hon’ble Minister for Housing & Public Works, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh attended as the Chief Guest. Ar. Yeafesh Osman, Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology was also present in the ceremony as the Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker.
Among 46 entries in 8 categories- Residential: Single Family Houses, Residential: Multiple Housing, Educational, Public, Socio-Cultural, Commercial, Industrial and Others, 6 awards were given in 6 different categories this year. The winner in Residential: Multi Family category was Ar. Jalal Ahmed of J. A. Architects Ltd. He was awarded for his project- Disappearing Lands: Supporting Communities Affected by River Erosion, located at PashchimBelkar Char, Gaibandha.

Ar. Naim Ahmed Kibria, Principal Architect, Indigenous was awarded as the winner in the Educational category for Bidyabhuban at Purbodhola, Netrokona.

In the Socio- Cultural category, Ar. Md. Ehsan Khan was the winner for Bangladesh Mohila Samity Complex at Bailey Road, Dhaka.

In addition, there were three Commendation Award winners in ‘Commercial’, ‘Industrial’ and ‘Others’ categories. Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad, Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury of DWM4 Architects and others for Bay’s Edge Water at Gulshan, Dhaka were awarded in Commercial category.

Ar. Jubair Hasan for Loom Shed for Amber Denim at Rajendrapur, Gazipur were awarded in Industrial category respectively.

In the Others category, Ar. Iqbal Habib, Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir and Ar. Ehsan Khan of Vitti Sthapati Brindo Ltd. were awarded for Integrated Development of Hatirjheel Area, Dhaka.

The Jury of IAB Design Award 2016 was comprised of the following eminent Bangladeshi architects – Ar. Nahas A. Khalil, Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, Ar. Rafiq Azam, Ar. Ziaul Islam and Ar. Marina Tabassum.

IAB Design Award 2016 was coordinated by Ar. Shaila Joarder, Secretary, Environment & Urbanism, IAB.

Engr. Mosharraf Hossain MP, Hon’ble Minister for Housing & Public Works, Government of the people’s republic of Bangladesh handed over the crests, while Ar. Yeafesh Osman, Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology presented the certificates, crests and IAB Design Award plaques to the award winners.

Ar. Shaila Joarder, Coordinator, IAB Design Award 2016, moderated the program. In her introductory address, she mentioned that for professionals who win the IAB Design Award, it is a form of achievement and a measure of self-assessment.

Members of 21st and 22nd Executive Council of IAB along with more than 700 IAB members and other invitees were present in the program.

The business organization who partnered with IAB in organizing the event are – Asian Paints (BD) Ltd, Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, Tilottoma Trade Centre, RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Ltd, Evergreen Trading International, Tushin Emporium, Great Wall Ceramic Industries Ltd, Mirpur Ceramic Works & Khadim Ceramics Ltd, M.I. Cement Factory Ltd and Master Concrete Block Manufacturing.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD).

Dhaka & Chittagong Mohanagar Imarat Nirman Bidhimala 2008. 8 July 2017
A CPD course on DHAKA & CHITTAGONG MOHANAGAR IMARAT NIRMAN BIDHIMALA, 2008 was held on 8 July, 2017 at Seminar Room of IEB Chittagong Center conducted by Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif, Secretary-Profession, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) and Ar. Md. Golam Rabbani Chowdhury, Member-Membership of IAB-Chittagong Chapter.

SEMINAR

Journey of Seminar and Convention committee of IAB started working before the formal installation of 22rd EC. Convener Dr Ar Shehzad Zahir planned to organize one seminar in a month where invited speakers would be not only from architecture discipline but also from allied various disciplines like Urban Planning, Art and Sculpture, Engineering and so on. Award recipients, local and international architects would also be invited to present their projects.
Some special seminars have been organized where a set of speakers were invited. Seminar and Convention committee has arranged 12 seminars in 11 month. All the Seminars (Except Serial 5 & 11, were supported by Asian Paints (BD) Ltd.

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Internationally acclaimed Swiss Ar. Prof. Christian Kerez gave a ‘A Talk on Architecture’ on 19 January 2017 at Chhayanaaut Auditorium, Dhanmond, Dhaka. He was introduced by Ar. Kashef Chowdhury, recipient of Aga Khan Awards for Architecture 2016. After the talk, on behalf of IAB Ar. Qazi M Arif, General Secretary and Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Vice President (National Affairs) presented IAB crests to Ar. Kerez and Ar. Kashef respectively.

**A talk on the friendship center and ‘The glass labyrinth’: Installation at the Venice architecture biennale 2016. Ar. Kashef Chowdhury. 30 January 2017**


The presentation was focused on Architect Kashef Chowdhury’s Aga Khan Award Winning project ‘The Friendship Center’ and his recent installation at Venice Architecture Biennale 2016.

Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, President IAB congratulated Ar. Kashef Chowdhury on his great achievement on being awarded the prestigious Aga Khan Award for Architecture in 2017.

The program was enlightened by presence of several renowned architects, academics, distinguished guests, a huge number of young architects and students. Former President, IAB Ar. Mubasshar Hussain and Ar. Shamsul Wares encouraged the Speaker. At the end of the event, on the behalf of IAB, Former President Ar. Shah Alam Zahiruddin handed over a crest to the speaker.

The event was moderated by Ar. Dr. Shehzad Zahir, Secretary- Seminar & Convention IAB.
Seeking Architecture. Ar. Marina Tabassum. 27 March 2017

Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) invited Architect Marina Tabassum to share her works and experiences on her great achievement of winning Aga Khan Award for Architecture in 2016. The program was held at IAB Centre, Agargaon, Dhaka on 27 March 2017. Titled as “Seeking Architecture”, the presentation was a comprehensive depiction of the architect’s philosophy, process of working and description of a number of acclaimed projects. Followed by a question answer session, the presentation was focused on Architect Marina Tabassum’s Aga Khan Award Winning project Bait Ur Rouf Mosque. She illustrated her wide spread exploration and research prior to the design of this excellent community project at the outskirt of Dhaka. Apart from the main attraction, she also shared her journey in the quest of establishing a language of architecture that is contemporary to the world yet rooted to the place. She depicted how MTA stands against the global pressure of Industrial materials -easy and quick- fast breed of buildings, confused and impersonal, out of place and context; thus is the pledge to root Architecture to the place; thus the material palette - the climate, the location, the culture of the people, history of the land.

Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, President IAB congratulated Architect Marina Tabassum with flower bouquet on her great achievement on being awarded the prestigious Aga Khan Award For Architecture in 2016. The program was enlightened by other renowned Architects, Academics, guests, a huge participation by young architects and students. Former President and Prominent Academic Professor Dr. M.A. Muktadir, past President IAB congratulated the Speaker. The event was moderated by Ar. Dr. Shehzad Zahir, Secretary Seminar and Convention IAB.

Rebuilding Korail and Sattola slums: Our experiences. Dr. Ar. Afroza Ahmed. 17 April 2017

Dhaka, being one of the mostly densed cities of the world, offers its chances to all folks of life. A large number of people live here in slums, providing day to day service to this city. Hence, they are the victim of discrimination, negligence and vandalism. Korail and Sattola slums, almost regularly face fire in vandalism. As a citizen of this city and being a profession of humanity, architects should render some service to them in their very own way.

Architect Dr. Afroza Ahmed shared her experiences to light upon the recent incidents of fire at the Korail and Sattola slums. The seminar was held at IAB Center, Agargaon on 17th April 2017 titled as “Rebuilding Korail and Sattola Slums: Our Experience”, as a part of IAB Lecture Series. Followed by a question answer session, the presentation was focused on reconstruction of the slums after the fire where architect and her team's contribution in it. She and her team, with the support from BRAC rushed to the affected site, assessed the loss and made a list. Through mapping and demarcation of their previous house, she prepared consecutive plans for the tenants. She involved the tenants, house owners and local government authority in the process of reconstruction. She wanted to ensure a better life for the tenants by providing ventilation and open spaces at their houses, making them understand to widen the accessible roads and empowering them in the whole process of planning and designing. With many others Ar. S M Ismail, Ar. Bikash Saud Ansary, Dr. Huraera Zabeen took part in the question answer session. On concluding remarks, Ar. Jalal Ahmed thanked the people who helped them and audiences.

On behalf of 22nd Executive Council Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, President IAB thanked Architect Dr. Afroza Ahmed and her team for the inspiring sessions and gave her souvenir. The program was enlightened by other renowned Architects, Academics, young architects and students. The event was moderated by Ar. Dr. Shehzad Zahir, Secretary Seminar and Convention IAB.

পিরেবশ, সাপত্ত-সংগীত ও রবীন্দ্রনাথ(Environment, Architecture-Music and Rabindranath)

Engr.Aranendu Banerjee. 8 May 2017

IAB organized “পিরেবশ, সাপত্ত-সংগীত ও রবীন্দ্রনাথ” (Environment, Architecture-Music and Rabindranath), a multimedia presentation by eminent academic & researcher Arunendu Banerjee from Bishwa Bharati & Rabindra Bharati University, India. on the 8 May 2017 (25 Boishakh, 1424) at IAB Centre on the occasion of the 156th Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore.

The presentation was accompanied by a Musical Soiree performed by Architects Mustapha Khalid Palash, Shahzia Islam Anton, Rezaur Rahman, Farhana Sharmin Emu, Hasan Saadi & Moushumi Ahmed. Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan, Director General, Bangla Academy graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. President IAB, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir delivered a welcome speech at the commencement and the program was coordinated and anchored by Ar. Qazi M Arif, General Secretary IAB. Attended and applauded by a large number of members, spouses, invited guests & dignitaries, the event was supported by Crown Cement Ltd.
Seminar on ARCASIA AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE 2017: Winning Projects from Bangladesh.
14 June 2017
A grand session with the presentation of four architects and their team to mark their achievement in ARCASIA AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE 2017 was organized on 14 June 2017.

It has been a great honor for the community of Bangladeshi architects that one project has been selected for the Gold Medal and other three for the honourable mentions in the ARCASIA Award this year.

The program started at the afternoon with a welcome speech by Ar. Dr. Shehzad Zahir, Secretary Seminar and Convention IAB when he described the short history of ARCASIA Award and the affiliation of IAB with this organization.

The presentation session started with the Honorable Mention Project, Urban Oasis (Integrated Development of Hatirjheel including Begunbari Canal) by Vitti Sthapati Brindo Ltd. Ar Iqbal Habib on behalf of VITTI presented the project. Later, Ar Lutfullahil Majid illustrated the Honorable Mention project Amber Denim Mosque. There after, another Honorable Mention project- Loom Shed for Amber Denim was presented by Ar. Jubair Hassan. These were followed by the Presentation of Gold Medal winning project SA Family Graveyard by Ar. Rafiq Azam.

On behalf of 22nd executive council of IAB, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, President IAB congratulated all the winners with crests as the token of appreciation.

Bangladesh is a land full of bio-diversities amidst the intersection of South East Asian region and Indian Subcontinent. On the other hand, it is also densely populated. People here are fighting with natural calamities and thriving. They adapt themselves in different situations in their lives & livings.

Dr Shehzad Zahir introduced Ar. Fuad Abdul Quaium along with Ghorami.Jon. Ar Quaium shared his thoughts, research and experiences to focus these adaptations of marginal people at different corners of Bangladesh. The Seminar, titled “Coping in Anthromes and Biomes -Bangladesh Stories” was held at IAB Center on 24 July, 2017. Followed by Question and Answer Session, the presentation was focused on the adaptation of marginal people at different biomes recognizing the determinants at different zones of Bangladesh. Ar. Fuad shared his experience in Floodscapes, Coastscapes, Wildscapes and Cityscapes of Bangladesh.

On concluding remarks, Vice President Ar. Jalal Ahmed thanked the audience for the research works of the Team and encouraged others to follow the path of the nature.

Ar. Qazi M Arif, General Secretary IAB thanked Architect Fuad Abdul Quaium and Ghorami.Jon team for the inspiring sessions and offered them IAB crests. The event was moderated by Ar. Dr. Shehzad Zahir, Secretary Seminar and Convention IAB.

A Global Approach to Teaching Architectural History. Dr Ar. Adnan Morshed. 21 September 2017
IAB organized a lecture on 21 September, by prominent academic Dr. Ar. Adnan Morshed on the topic, “A global approach to teaching architectural history”. Dr. Adnan Morshed is the chairperson of Dept. of Architecture of BRAC University.

His lecture encouraged the opportunity for many of the Architects, Academics and Youths to share his insights about the present trend of teaching architectural history in Bangladesh and it was an eye opener presentation according to the opinion of many of the participants.

In the conclusion, Dr. Adnan Morshed indicated what we can do now in our architecture schools in Bangladesh in regards to the teaching of Architectural history. The analysis of the speaker sparked the audiences to rethink and restructuring the teaching and learning of architectural history in Bangladesh. Professor Haroon Ur Rashid greeted the speaker with a crest at the end of the session. The seminar was moderated by Ar. Dr. Shehzad Zahir, Secretary Seminar and Convention IAB.

The Right to Joy. Ar. Madhura Prematilleke. 23 September 2017
Ar. Madhura Prematilleke, Principal, team ARCHITRAVE Sri Lanka presented a lecture titled “The Right to Joy” at the Multi Purpose Hall of IAB Centre on 23 September 2017. Several architects and students of Architecture attended the lecture which was followed by a lively Q & A session. Ar. Madhura was visiting as a member of the panel of Jurors for the recent 8th. BERGER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE organized in association of IAB. Ar. Dr. Shehzad Zahir, Secretary Seminar & Convention IAB coordinated the event.
Architecture and Art. Artist Monirul Islam. 16 October 2017

Artist Monirul Islam, an eminent artist and painter, famous both in Spain and Bangladesh won many prestigious awards like Ekushey Padak, Shilpokola Academy Padak in home and abroad. Being sublime and frank in words, he has unique story-telling abilities on his paintings and arts. ‘I am not like anyone, I am like me-myself’ - he expressed his visions and expressions at IAB Center yesterday.

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) invited this eminent artist Monirul Islam to share his experience and view on art and architecture. The seminar was held at IAB Center, Agargaon on 16th October 2017 titled as “Architecture & Art: Artist Monirul Islam”, as a part of IAB Lecture Series. This lecture was quite different from previous sessions as IAB decided to bring an artist on the premise to talk about architecture. Followed by a question answer session, the presentation focused on the artworks at different periods of the artist’s life and his journey towards creating of abstract arts from drawing images. He talked about the inspiration from Nature and the simplicity of the nature to guide his spontaneous artworks. He believed like architects that only Nature can inspire to create arts that purify the inner souls. The purer the soul, the purer the art forms can be. He narrated his childhood from Chandpur, Kishorganj to Spain. He showed the paintings of that time influenced by the fluidity and color of the nature. He also talked about the inspiration taken from the artists Jainul Abedin, Goya and Picasso. He talked about some of the Spanish architects and shed light upon their works. He tried to relate the arts and architecture from a simple view of an artist. Many architects and students took part in the question answer session. On concluding remarks, Prof. Shamsul Wares shared the experience to the audience as the artist was his classmate of childhood. He expressed the beauty of simplicity in the works of Monirul Islam. H. E. Honorable Ambassador of the Embassy of Spain Mr. Álvaro de Salas Giménez de Azcárate was present among the audience.

On behalf of 22nd Executive Council IAB, Past President Shamsul Wares thanked Artist Monirul Islam for the inspiring sessions and gave him the souvenir. The program was enlightened by other renowned Architects, academics, young architects and students. The event was moderated by Ar. Dr. Shehzad Zahir, Secretary Seminar and Convention IAB and powered by Asian Paint Bangladesh.


On the occasion of World Architecture Day 2017, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) organized a seminar with the cooperation of IAB Chittagong Chapter and Union of International Architects (UIA). The program takes place on the 21st October 2017 at the auditorium of Institute of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB), Chittagong division. Internationally World Architecture Day, celebrated in October, was set up in 2005 by the International Union Of Architects (UIA) to show appreciation for the work architects do and to celebrate some of the great global architectural works, network and increase collective responsibility to create better future in our lives.

This year the theme of the seminar was ‘Climate Change Action’. The program was inaugurated with the welcome speech by the IAB President Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir. A number of architects, urban planners, government officials and other professionals attended the program. The invited Special guest was Mr. Abdus Salam, Chairman, Chittagong Development Authority. Dr. Shehzad Zahir, Secretary Seminar and Convention of IAB moderated the event.

Dr. Ainun Nishat, Professor Emeritus, Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research, BRAC University, presented the keynote speech in the seminar. In the presentation Dr. Nishat discussed on the current state of climate change around the world. He talked about international policies and action taken by international organizations to adopt climate change and their tentative impacts. In the speech he illustrated the adverse impact of global warming and sea level rising in Bangladesh. He focused on the responsive architecture for resilience and sustainability. He pointed the major issues on the approaches of Bangladesh to climate change, adaptation to Climate variability, our present state and initiatives.

Followed by the key note speech from Dr. Ainun Nishat, a discussion on the raised issues was organized. Ar. Zarina Hossain, Former Convener, IAB Chittagong, Prof. M. Ali Ashraf, President, Chittagong Chapter of BIP(Bangladesh Institute of Planners) and Ar. Qazi M Arif, General Secretary, IAB, participated in the discussion session. Ar. Najm-ul-Latif, Chairman Chittagong Chapter of IAB greeted the participants and concluded the program with his thanking speech.

The Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda-Challenges and Opportunities for an Environmentally Sustainable Urban Development. Dr. Bernhard Mueller. 12 November 2017

The seminar on “The Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda-Challenges and Opportunities for an Environmentally Sustainable Urban Development” by Dr. Bernhard Mueller was held on 12th November
2017 at IAB Center, Dhaka. He is a professor for Spatial Development at Technische Universtat Dresden and Director of Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development, Dresden, Germany.

In his presentation, Dr. Mueller has highlighted on different issues and prospects of Sustainable Development Goals, International Challenges of urban Eco-Development, Green Building Discourse and basis for Good Practice Examples in Germany.

Environmentally sustainable urban development is now a pressing issue for the compact city development with different multifaceted problems. Ecology should be an important factor for any development of the city and from the presentation and interactive question-answer session, the audience have got a better and profound perspective on the ‘ecologicalisation’ of cities, neighbourhoods and buildings which always play a challenging role for sustainable urbanisation. Finally the presentation concluded with different perspectives and some suggestions to move forward. Architects, urban planners, engineers, students and eminent members from multi-disciplinary arena were attended the seminar. The seminar was moderated by Prof Dr Shehzad Zahir, Secretary, Seminar and Convention, IAB. The event was powered by Asian Paints Bangladesh Ltd.

HERITAGE TOUR

Panam Nagar. 29 July 2017

IAB organised an architectural heritage day long tour, titled - revisit PANAM NAGAR on 29 July 2017. The heritage tour was vibrant with 25 young architects. Ar. Professor Abu Sayeed M Ahmed was the main speaker of the event; the tour was observed with critical discussion upon the historical site. New policies and ideas were coming out form the visit. Participants were involved with doing sketches, photography and raised various viewpoints to continue and to protect the historic site of PANAM through preservation process. Lastly, the SARDERBARI, Sonargaon-preservation and conservation project were seen and it was highly appreciated by the participants. The tour was coordinated by Ar. Dr. Sajid Bin Doza, Secretary- Heritage & Culture of IAB.

The intention of the ‘architectural-historical tour’ was to understand the settings of the settlement pattern, appreciate the spatial organization, street-facade and connection/relaion with the water bodies. At the same time the unique craftsmanship of the certain localities along with the course of action were to be the addressed

VISION D3 - Dialogue......Discourse........Directive

Open Architectural Design Competition. 31 July 2017

IAB Organized Session 2 of VISION D3...DISCUSSION...DISCOURSE...DIRECTIVE on Open Architectural Design Competition at the BERGER SEMINAR HALL on 31 July 2017.

Attended by hundreds of members, the session took its momentum right from the beginning and was vitalized by the discussion and valuable suggestions from several architects across the spectrum of experience, age and platform which included Md. Abdullah Al Masum, Abu Syade Mahmud Hasan, Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, Jalal Ahmed, Ahsanullah Majumder, Patrick Rozario, Rafiq Azam, Ishtiaq Zahir Titas, Bidhan Kumar Saha, Marina Tabassum, Kawsery Parvin, Kazi Khaleed Ashraf and Bikash Saud Ansary. A written statement by Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan was delivered by Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad.

All the discussants conversed important issues related to the topic which seemed to have been very important for IAB and all its members in the pursuit of accomplishing & achieving desired success towards ensuring commendable practice of architecture.

IAB appreciates the efforts of the members for their evocative comments & suggestions and hopes to incorporate those in formulating a comprehensive guideline in near future for organizing Open Architectural Design Competitions.

Qazi M Arif, General Secretary IAB, anchored the session and delivered an introductory presentation at the beginning to generate the discussion. Immediate Past President IAB, Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed offered the concluding remarks at the end of the Session.
NATIONAL

Homage to the Martyrs of Language Movement on 21 February 2017
Institute of Architects Bangladesh paid homage to the martyrs of Language Movement in the first hours of Ekushe (21st) February 2017.

Led by its President, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, the IAB contingent included, among others, Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed-Immediate Past President, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain- former President, Ar. Jalal Ahmed- Vice President (National Affairs), Ar. Qazi M Arif- General Secretary, Ar. Nowajish Mahbub-Treasurer, Ar. Tofayel Md. Sarower - Secretary Membership, Ar. Masud Ur Rashid- Secretary Publications, Ar. Sajid-Bin-Doza - Secretary Culture & Heritage, Ar. Nurul Kabir Dili and others.

National Genocide Day 2017. 25 March 2017
IAB observed NATIONAL GENOCIDE DAY 2017 on the 25th March with the memories of the frightful night of 1971- by lighting candles at midnight. Mass participation of architects gathered on the arena of IAB center to recall and to offer Peace meant for the abandoned-souls. Seven numbers of Lanterns lights were released in the air by remembering the Martyrs, who sacrificed their lives in that black night. Documentary shown on frightful night titling – ‘সেই রাতের কথা বলেত এসিছ’ a film by Kawsar Chowdhury depicts the story of the killings by the Pakistani army in Dhaka University. Surviving members and witnesses speak, and bring alive the havoc of that night. The documentary also includes the wireless messages the Pakistani army exchanged that night which a Bengali engineer accidentally stumbled upon and recorded while trying to tune in to the BBC for news of the crackdown in his country. President of IAB from 22nd EC- Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir distributed memento to Kawsar Chowdhury. All architects spontaneously uphold their hands with the lighting candles and sang the song .........আগের পরশমিনি দোয়াঁত প্রাপে......

Independence Day 2017
Independence Day 2017 was experienced with various activities in the premise of IAB. Children art-painting competition formed with two groups and ornate by the eminent freedom fighter & painter Abul Barak Alvi. Children freed the red-green balloons in the air with rejoice as well. A memento of IAB was gifted by Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, President of IAB to the Freedom fighter A.B. Alvi. All architects and their friends and families were participated to observe the occasion. A short film was shown & taken part in titling- TOKHON: THEN, 2004, 25 min by Ar. Enamul Karim NIRJHAR. Lastly, the children competition results were announced by General Secretary and the prizes given ceremony was organized.

EDUCATION

Accreditation Standard of Institute of Architects Bangladesh (ASIAB)
Accreditation of undergraduate program in architecture at Various universities is run according to the ASIAB (Accreditation Standard of Institute of Architects Bangladesh), which was formulated in 2011. Board of Architectural Education (BAE) comprised of nine distinguished members work as the supreme body making all the important decisions regarding judgment, policy, etc.

University Grants commission of Bangladesh has officially recognized IAB’s accreditation program by nominating its officials to represent UGC in the ASIAB’s visiting team. BAE is also in the process of having one representative of the ministry of education of Bangladesh as a member.

It’s important to note that currently the University Grants Commission UGC, as a part of its attempt to enforce qualitative improvement of tertiary education, is actively engaged in the process of preparing national accreditation guideline for all discipline. As a representative of IAB in the three-member expert committee Prof. Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, the immediate past president IAB and the current chairman of BAE, is working with UGC to formulate the national accreditation policy for the discipline of architecture.

After almost six years since the launching of the ASIAB, initiative has been taken to review and upgrade the current ASIAB. In this regard a nine member ASIAB review committee has been formed. The first official meeting of the ASIAB Review Committee was held on 25th October 2017.
Please see ANNEXTURE-1 for the committee structure

**Board of Architecture Education (BAE)**
According to the latest version of IAB Constitution, IAB has formed the Board of Architectural Education (BAE) for Bangladesh. BAE has currently has nine members. BAE has replaced the Education Standing Committee (ESC) and acting as the highest authority regarding the accreditation of the undergraduate program of Architecture at different Universities. Please see ANNEXTURE-1 for the committee structure.

**Education Sub-Committee**
In order to initiate innovative and effective activities regarding architectural education on the platform of IAB a nine-member Education Sub Committee has been formed recently with following members. Please see ANNEXTURE-1 for the committee structure. The first official meeting of the Sub Committee was held on 31 October 2017.

**Accreditation Report**
With the awarding of Accreditation to South-East University and Khulna University and the expiration of Accreditation of BRAC University in recent times the total number of undergraduate program for architectural education in Bangladesh is now 10 (ten), and they are as follows.

- AHSANULLAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (AUST)
- BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY (BUET)
- NORTH-SOUTH UNIVERSITY (NSU)
- AMERICAN INT'L. UNIVERSITY-BANGLADESH (AIUB)
- STATE UNIVERSITY OF BANGLADESH (SUB)
- STAMFORD UNIVERSITY BANGLADESH
- SHAHJALAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SUST)
- UNIVERSITY OF ASIA PACIFIC (UAP)
- SOUTH EAST UNIVERSITY (SEU)
- KHULNA UNIVERSITY (KU)

Recently Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology (AUST) has applied for the renewal of their accreditation for the second cycle and their application is under processing.

**OPEN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITIONS**

**Open Urban Design Competition for Model Streetscape of Arterial Mirpur Road Streetscape**
*Jointly Organized by Dhaka South City Corporation in association with IAB*
Launched: 5 November 2016  Submission: 8 January 2017  No of Entry: 31
Coordinator: Ar. Shaila Joarder, Secretary, Environment & Urbanization, IAB
Joint Winners:
Ar. Mohiuddin Zilanee (Z-014), Ar. Shah Fuad Mohammad Cyrus (C-044) & Team (Lines Architects)
AND
Ar. Ziaul Islam (I-039) & Ar. Rashed Hassan Chowdhury (C-069) & Team (Dehsar Works)
Commendation: Ar. Mohammad Hassan Al Mamun, Mr. Jullian Williams
Panel of Jury:
Mr. Mohammad Sayeed Khokon (Honorable Mayor, DSCC)
Mr. Khan Mohammad Bilal (CEO, DSCC)
Ar. Prof. Haroon Ur Rashid
Ar. Dr. Khurshid Zabin Hossain
Ar. Md. Ehsan Khan
Exhibition: 9 February 2017, Nagor Bhaban, DSCC, Dhaka

**Open Architectural Design Competition for the Design of COORDINATED COMPLEX OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES (DPL) & BANGLADESH NATIONAL MUSEUM (BNM)**
*Jointly Organized by The Ministry of Cultural Affairs, GOB n association IAB*
Launched: 5 February 2017  Submission: 26 April 2017  No of Entry: 65
Coordinator: Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Immediate Past President, IAB
Winners:
First: Ar. Khandaker Asifuzzaman & Team, A-194 (D-Con-Cube JV)
Second: Ar. Mahmudul Anowar Riyaad (R-081) & Team, (DWM4)
Third: Ar. Zaiaul Islam (I-039) & Team (Dehsar Works Consortium)
Commendation: Ar. Sarwat Iqbal (I-091) & Team (Roofliners Studio of Archi.)
Commendation: Ar. Md Hasan Imam (I-037) & Team
Commendation: Ar. Md. Faisal Kabir (K-108) & Team (Framework)

Panel of Jury:
Mr. Md. Aminul Islam, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Planning & Development, Bangladesh
Mr. Ashish Kumar Sarker - DG, Department of Public Libraries
Mr. Faizul Latif Chowdhury - DG, Bangladesh National Museum
Ar. Peter Stutchbury-Sydney, Australia
Prof. Abu H. Imamuddin - IAB
Ar. Mohammad Foyez Ullah - IAB
Ar. Patrick D’ Rozario - IAB

Exhibition: 3 May 2017, IAB Centre, Agargoan, Dhaka

Open Architectural Design Competition for IEB Convention Cente, Ramna, Dhaka
Jointly Organized by The Institution of Engineers in association IAB

Launched: 19 June 2017       Submission: 23 September 2017      No of Entry: 54
Coordinator: Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Past President, IAB

Winners: (Shortlisted for the Second Stage)
Ar. Md. Shoeb-Al-Rahe (R-106)- A+M Architects
Ar. Mohammad Hasan Imam (I-037)-Design Studio
Ar. Md. Didarul Islam Bhuiyan (B-054)-Form 3 Architects
Ar. Nazmul Ahsan (A-057)-Roofliners studio of architecture
Ar. Mohammad Masum Iqbal (I-073)-Vernacular Consultants Ltd

Panel of Jury:
Engr. Md. Kabir Ahmed Bhuiyan, President, IEB
Dr. Engr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Past President, IEB
Ar./ Engr. Shah Alam Zahiruddin, Ex-Chief Architect, Dept. of Architecture, GOB.
Dr. Engr. M. Shamim-Uz-Zaman Basunia
Ar. Mustafa Ameen
Ar. Md. Rafiq Azam
Ar. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed

Open Architectural Design Competition for Historic Preservation and Landscape Design of the Old Dhaka Central Jail and Redevelopment of its Surrounding Area.
Jointly Organized by The Ministry of Home Affairs, GOB in association IAB & BIP

Launched: 3 July 2017       Submission: 5 October 2017      No of Entry: 34
Coordinators: Ar. Nayna Tabassum, Planner Prof. Akhter Mahmud & Md. Towhidul Islam, DIG, Prisons

Winners:
First : Ar. Abdur Rashid (R-051), Ar. Didarul Islam Bhuiyan (B-054) & Team - (Form -3 Architects)
Second: Ar. Mohammad Amimul Ehsan (E-005) & Team
Commendation: Ar. Marina Tabassum (T-005) & Team
Commendation: Ar. Muhammad Kasif Hasnaen (H-72) & Team
Commendation: Ar. Abul Fazal Mahmudun Nobi (N-016) & Team

Panel of Jury:
Mr. Farid Uddin Ahmed Secretary, Security Services Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, GOB
Prof. Muntasir Mamun, Department of History, Dhaka University
Brig Gen Syed Iftekhar Uddin, Inspector General of Prisons, Department of Prison, Dhaka
Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, Chief Architect, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh & President IAB
Prof. Dr. Ishrat Islam, URP, BUET
Prof. Dr. Shayer Ghashor Department of Architecture, BUET
7. Prof. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Imm. Past President, IAB

Exhibition: 30 October 2017. Gallery 5, Jatiya Chitrashala Bhaban, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy
(on going)
Open Architectural Design Competition for the Design of “HEAD OFFICE OF NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY"

Organized by The Ministry of Housing & Public Works, GOB in association IAB

Launched: 7 October 2017          Submission: 30 December 2017     No of Entry: 34
Coordinator: Ar. Asif M Ahsanul Haq
Panel of Jury:
Ar. Nahas Ahmed Khalil
Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid
Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad
Ar. Ahsanul Haque Khan
Md. Khurshed Alam

STANDARD AGREEMENTS, FEE & SALARY SCALE FORMULATION

A 14 Member committee has been formed to carry forward the issues which was undertaken by the previous Executive Council. Please see ANNEXTURE-1 for the committee structure

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DISCIPLINE

A nine member Disciplinary Committee [DCIAB] for 2017-2018 tenure has been formed with Ar. A.S.M. Ismail as the Convener in order to undertake issues related to conduct of members.

DCIAB has received one letter from a member of IAB containing complains of professional misconduct about another member of IAB, with whom the first member was collaborating on a project. The letter called for IAB to arbitrate to resolve the issue. The Disciplinary Committee has asked the second member to inform in writing his response to the complains, after which, both members will be called for a hearing.

The Committee has identified signature forgery of IAB members and suspected signature trading by a few unscrupulous members in approval drawings as major problems affecting professional practice. The Disciplinary Committee on 2015-2016 tenure received a number of complains in this regard - a few of which are still pending. The present DCAIB is continuing to work on the issues. It has also discussed the issue of members whose rights to sign in approval drawings has been suspended earlier. A decision in this regard will be taken within December 2017.

DCIAB has decided to explore the possibilities of exploring the method of On-Line Submission of Approval Drawings as an effective step to stop signature forgery and signature trading.

The Committee has also decided to prepare a common course outline for Professional Practice courses offered as part of B. Arch curriculum at different architecture schools in Bangladesh. A meeting will be convened inviting teachers who currently take the courses at different schools.

Please see ANNEXURE-1 for the committee structure

8th. Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture 2017
(in Association with IAB)

The Award cycle this year, was introduced through a press conference on 17 May, 2017. On behalf of Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Assistant General Secretary Ar. Shahnawaz Masud was nominated as the AWARD COORDINATOR to conduct the needful. The formal procedure commenced with a Press Conference on 17 May 2017 at the BERGER SEMINAR HALL at IAB Centre.

As a response to the open invitation to all members of IAB, nomination for 67 projects were submitted, among which 50 final submissions were received on 10 September, 2017.

To evaluate the projects this year, the board of jury was constituted with following honorable members:

Ar. Mustafa Ameen. Chief Juror
Ar. Dr. Khandaker Sabbir Ahmed . Head. Department of Architecture. BUET
Ar. Md. Ehsan Khan, Vice President of IAB
Professor Nisar Hossain. Faculty of Fine Arts. Dhaka University
Ar. Madhura Prematilleke. Team Architrave. Sri Lanka

There were 7 categories for award. Following are the result according to the Jury evaluations:

**Single Family House/Vacation Home:**
**Winner:** GUEST BUNGLOW, Kulaura.
Ar. Nahas Ahmed Khalil & Ar. Razib Hasan Chowdhury
**Commendation:** VACATION HOUSE, Konabari.
Commendation: NIKUNJO RESIDENCE, Nikunjo, Dhaka
Ar. Rafiq Azam.

Multi Family House/Housing/Dormitory:
Winner: CITY-WIDE COMMUNITY UPGRADEING, Jhinaidah
Winner: RIZIA POROMPORA, Cox’s bazar
Ar. Asif Mohammad Ahsanul Haq, Ar. Arifa Akhtar.

Commercial/Mercantile/Hospitality/Demon strive:
Winner: AJO IDEA SPACE, Uttara
Ar. Rashed Hasan Chowdhury, Ar. Sayedil Ashrafin, Ar Emon Mahbub Chowdhury.

Industrial/Utility/and Service/Data Centre/Infrastructure:
Commendation: BUS BODY BUILDING (IFAD INDUSTRIAL PARK), Dhamrai

Cultural/Memorial/Conservation/Institution/Health and Well-being:
Winner: CONSERVATION OF EGARO SHIB MANDIR, Avaynagar, Jessore
Ar. Khandakar Mahfuz Alam, Department of Archeology.
Winner: SA FAMILY GRAVEYARD, Noakhali
Ar. Md. Rafiq Azam

Urban Design /Landscaping/Others:
Notable Mention: SHATABDI, Malibag, Dhaka
Ar. Sabbir Ahmed
Notable Mention: BAMBOO PLAYSCAPE, Bosila, Dhaka
Ar. Kazi Meftahul Arefin, Ar. Farasha Zaman, Ar. Ruhul Abdin

Young Architect Award:
Winner: AMBER DENIM MOSQUE, Gazipur
Ar. Lufullahil Majid

The honorable Jurors had judged and given their decisions after carefully examining the Projects which were submitted. Projects selected by the honorable juror for different awards considered in terms of architectural merit, achievement and efforts towards excellence in innovation and creativity.

Final result announcement along with prize giving ceremony were held on 23 November, 2017.

BERGER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2017

Upon receiving a request from the management of Berger Paints BD Ltd., a committee comprised of IAB President, Imm. Past President, 2 Vice Presidents and General Secretary was formed to nominate the appropriate candidate for the LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD to be conferred during the 8th BERGER AWARD for EXCELLENCE in ARCHITECTURE ceremony. The committee met a few times and discussed in length the potentials of a number of architects with commendable achievement and contribution. Finally Ar. Bashirul Huq was nominated for the award.

SPORTS AND GAMES

Indoor Games activities
IAB Indoor Games facilities are open to all member for promoting healthy body, mind and entertainment. This year
it has become the centre of attraction for many sports loving architects. Earlier, there were two badminton courts & a table tennis board. One more table tennis board has been added in 2017 to meet the increasing demand. The facility was open all around the year from 6 pm to 10 pm except for the days the Multi-purpose hall was occupied for other programmes. 15 - 20 members (both male & female) have used this facility on a regular basis & the participation is expected to increase in future.

IAB participation at IIAPL 2017 at Guwahati
Following an invitation from the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), on the occasion of the centenary year celebration of IIA, team IAB has participated in IIAPL-6 (The Centenary IIAPL 2017) which took place in Guwahati, Assam, India on 6-8 January 2017. The event was hosted by IIA Assam Chapter. 24 architects from IAB, along with 325 architects from different chapters of IIA took part in this grand event. IAB team has participated in the Cricket, Badminton & Table Tennis events & secured 2nd runner up position in Badminton Doubles event (Ar. D S Fawad Hyder & Ar. Muntasem Billah Al- Abbashi), Table Tennis Doubles Event (Ar. Selim Altaf Biplob & Ar. Md. Shahid Hasan Rabbani) and Table Tennis Singles event (Md. Shahid Hasan Rabbani). It was a memorable experience for the IAB contingent to have participated in such grand event & have represented the country & the institute in the international arena through sports.

IAB thankfully acknowledges the supports from Tritech Engineers Ltd, Glow & Glow Engineers Ltd, Nippon Paints & Qubee which helped towards the successful participant of Team IAB

A get together was organized at IAB Centre on 16 February 2017. Members of the 22nd Executive Council & all the members of IAB contingent participated in IIAPL 2017 were present in the program and shared their experience. Captain of IAB cricket team Ar. Selim Kabir along with Ar. Masudur Rahman Khan handed over the mascot trophy received from IIAPL 2017 to IAB President Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir during the occasion.

IAB Football Team
IAB Football team was first formed in 2013 when IAB got the invitation from South Korea to participate in the World Architects Cup. IAB also got the invitation from Thailand in 2015 to participate in the World Architects Cup along with ARCASIA programme, which was cancelled at the last hour. KIRA (Korean Institute of Registered Architects) invited IAB to participate in the WA Cup 2017 which took place in Suwon, South Korea. This event was organized in conjunction with the 26th World Architects Congress 2017, Seoul, South Korea. IAB team was formed with 18 members of different age category & went through vigorous practice sessions along with engaging a coach for a short term. Unfortunately the team couldn’t attend the event due to visa related complications. However the team spirit & dedication of the players were worth appreciation.

IAB Cricket Team
The journey of IAB Cricket Team begun in 2014 while participating in “Goodwill Cricket Cup” held in Kochi, India where they got the “Best Team Spirit Award 2014”. Till then the team is on regular practice during suitable time of the year. The cricket team participated in the IIAPL-6 (The Centenary IIAPL 2017) which was held in Guwahati, Assam, India on 6-8 January 2017.

SOCIAL EVENTS

PICNIC 2017
IAB picnic 2017 ‘BASHANTI BIHAR‘ - took place at the DREAM SQUARE RESORT, Mawna, Gazipur on 3 to 4 March 2017. The picnic had two options, one was night long stay at the resort and the other was daylong as well. Almost 250 Architects and their families participated in this vibrant occasion. Heartfelt Night long cultural program touched the souls of the participants and after dinner the casual get-together became the precious moments for the architects. A good number of young architects participated in the picnic event. Daylong cricket match, kids sports along with musical pillow for the women were the attraction of the event. Housie game took the attention and became mesmerize part of the picnic; the picnic 2017 was finished with the attractive raffle draws.
PUBLICATION

**IAB Newsletter**

2 Issues of IAB Newsletter have been published and the 3rd issue is in press. Both the published issues depicted the activities of the Institute in the national and international arena.

**HEALTH COMPLEX ONE PROJECTS**

[An anthology of 36 proposals for Health Complex One Projects]. 27 August 2017

Editor: Ar. Masud Ur Rashid

Publisher: Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)

Partners: Grameen Telecom, Grameen Telecom Trust, Grameen Kalyan.

Illustration: Ar. Raihan Rafiq Chowdhury and Team


(Hard Book Binding. Total 100 Pages. Four Colors printing)

**E Cards and Posters**

Illustruous E cards and posters have been designed and circulated among members in order to mark different events, occasions and Nationally & Internationally important dates. The efforts highlighted several events including the following

NEW YEAR 2017, EID UL FITR, EID UL AZHA, DURGA PUJA, BANGLA NOBO BORSO, IAB DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, INTERNATIONAL MOTHERS LANGUAGE DAY Etc.

All publication from IAB have been designed, published and coordinated by Ar. Masud Ur Rashid, Secretary Publication & Publicity with the active support from an efficient Sub Committee for Printing and Publication.

The committee also designed and produced all necessary print materials needed to support all the events organized by IAB.

**MEMBERSHIP**

‘Member and Associate Member Enlistment Committee’ of the 22nd Executive Committee (January 01, 2017 to November 30, 2017) has successfully completed 9 (nine) meetings and enlisted 45 Members and 312 Associate Members. In addition, for the first time, the Committee also has successfully conducted 1 (one) Enlistment meeting at Chittagong in association with Chittagong Chapter. The brief list is as following:

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ACHIEVEMENT- International Awards – 2017

JK Cement Award 2017
IAB proudly congratulates the Architects of the Two projects from Bangladesh which won JK CEMENT AWARD this year in FOCUS COUNTRY category.
Architect of the Year Award,
Ar. Jubair Hasan and his team - Lum Shade Factory for Amber Denim.
Young Architect Award
Ar. Lutfullahil Majid and his team - Mosque at Amber Denim Mills Ltd, Gazipur.

ARCASIA Award 2017
The ARCASIA Awards is considered to be one of the highest award for a practicing architect in Asia. It has been a great honor for the community of Bangladeshi architects that one project has been selected for the Gold Medal and other three for the honorable mentions in the ARCASIA Award For Architecture in 2017. The winners were announced at a ceremony hosted by the Indian Institute of Architects held at Sujan Raj Mahal Palace in the Indian city of Jaipur on 24th May 2017.


This year, the award was conducted on 11 categories. A total of 627 projects from 21 countries got submitted and 54 were shortlisted.

Monsoon Architecture Award 2017. Institutions and Workplaces
(organized by the Indian Institute of Architects – Cochin Centre)

Bangladesh Mohila Samity Complex, Dhaka.
Ehsan Khan Architects.

International Property Award Asia Pacific Region 2017-
Shubornodighi, Sreepur - Single Residence category.
J.A. Architects Ltd. and Ground One Consortium
Design Team: Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Ar. Shahnawaz Bappy and Ar. Nabila Binte Nasir

Training center for Sajida Foundation, Gazipur- Mixed Use Architecture category
J.A. Architects Ltd.
Design Team: Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Ar. Muhummad Atiqul Haq and Ar. Reza Noor Muin

Lafarge Holcim Asia Pacific Award for Sustainable Design 2017
BRAC University Campus- Bronze Winner
Author: Wong Mun Summ
Further Authors: Richard Hassell, Jalal Ahmed and Wolfgang Kessling

Cityscape Award For Emerging Market 2017 - Residential (Medium to High Rise)
Huda’s Skyline, Gulshan.
Ar.Md. Rafiq Azam, SHATOTTO
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

ARCASIA Handover Ceremony. Islamabad, Pakistan. 14 January 2017
The ARCASIA Handover Ceremony and Office Bearers Meeting was held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 14 January 2017, hosted by the Institute of Architects Pakistan [IAP]. Jahangir Khan Sherpao, Past President of IAP took over charge as the new President of ARCASIA from the outgoing President Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand of ASA.

During the same ceremony, Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Immediate Past President of IAB took charge as the new Vice President (Zone A) of ARCASIA.

ASA (Association of Siamese Architects) organized the 9th. ACGSA (ARCASIA Committee on Green & Sustainable Architecture) Roundtable in Bangkok on 24-25 February 2017. The theme for the Round Table was ‘Future of Vernacular Sustainability’.

Ar. Dr. Sajid Bin Doza, Secretary Heritage & Culture, IAB has represented IAB in the Round Table and presented a comprehensive multi-media depicting the history and heritage of architecture of Bangladesh. His presentation also included works of the local architects in the recent times which were inspired by the age old rich culture and tradition of the country.

IAB General Secretary Ar. Qazi M Arif also attended the Round Table as the Immediate Past Chairman of ACGSA.

Canberra Accord . Colombo 4-7 May 2017
Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Vice President (National Affairs) of IAB & Vice President, Asia of CAA and Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyadh, Secretary Education of IAB attended the bi-annual general meeting of Canberra Accord held in Colombo on 4-7 May 2017, organized by CAA with SLIA. CAA is one of the seven founding signatories of the accord. Canberra Accord is a platform of signatory systems of various accrediting body of architectural education in different countries and organisations. The meeting sessions were held at the City School of Architecture, Colombo, Dept. of Architecture, University of Muratowa and at the SLIA office. Ar. Jalal Ahmed and Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyadh represented Institute of Architects Bangladesh as observers on the meeting. They also presented the state of architectural education in Bangladesh and its current accreditation system and expressed IAB's interest in becoming a Provisional Member of Canberra Accord.

ARCASIA Forum 19 . JAIPUR. 21-25 May, 2017
Jaipur - the Pink City of India hosted the 19th ARCASIA Forum on 21-25 May, 2017. ARCASIA Forum is the major regional forum held every two years that take the form of a large international forum for fostering intellectual exchange and strategic discussion on regional challenges, initiatives and development amongst thousands of architects.

ARCASIA, the Architects Regional Council Asia, is an assembly of the National Institutes of Architects of Asian Region consisting of 21 member countries. These countries include Bhutan, Bangladesh, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macau, Mongolia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. The organization itself serves as an extension for each member institute's regional programme and relations.
The theme for the 19th ARCASIA Forum was "Happiness Through Architecture". A series of lectures and presentations by invited and selected speakers from different member countries enriched the sessions. In addition to the lectures, Professional Workshops, Exhibitions and Awards for architectural projects also helped to showcase the theory and analysis of emerging architectural practice in Asia while offering an opportunity to discuss and reflect upon the future of architecture in this region.

ARCASIA 2017 also included Office Bearers and Committee Chairmen Meeting and other Committee meetings. A contingent of 35 IAB members participated in this 7 day long events. IAB President Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir and Vice President (International Relations) Ar. Ehsan Khan represented IAB in the Council Meeting. Five different committees of ARCASIA were represented by Ar. Ehsan Khan, Ar. Qazi M Arif, Ar. Bikash Saud Ansary, Ar. Farhana Sharmin and Ar. Asif M Ahsanul Haq.

ARCASIA Awards for Architecture 2017 was announced in the Forum. It has been a great honor for the community of Bangladeshi architects that one project has been selected for the Gold Medal and other three for the honorable mentions in the ARCASIA Award For Architecture in 2017.

The large contingent of IAB staged a magnificent cultural performance on the FRIENSHIP NIGHT which was appreciated by everyone present during the event.


The UIA (International Union of Architects) world congresses are a premier forum for professionals and future leaders in the field of architecture to exchange the best and latest practices, visions and first-hand experience. This year, this Bi Annual event was held in Seoul on 3-10 September where a large contingent from Bangladesh comprising about 30 architects participated.

The event kicked off with a grand OPNING CEREMONY at the COEX Convention Centre in Seoul.

“Soul of City” was the theme of this year's congress with three Sub Themes like, Future, Culture and Nature. Several Notable architects and researchers presented papers and their works in Keynote forum and Keynote Speech sessions. Some of the architects were world renowned and celebrated such as, Xiaodong LI, Kengo KUMA, David LEATHERBARROW, Dominique PERRAULT, Patrik SCHUMACHER, ABOU Moussa and Toyo ITO. In addition to UIA AWARDS ceremony, there were also some Special Sessions and Architect Lecture Series on IT& ARCHITECTURE, Korean Housing Architecture Urban Development, Current Issues of Architecture and City, Open Building etc.

The associated events included SEOUL K-POP FESTIVAL, TRADITIONAL TEA FESTIVAL, GANGNAM FESTIVAL, 2017 SEOUL ARCHITECTS FESTIVAL.

2017 SEOUL BIENNALE OF ARCHITECTURE & URBANISM was held at Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP), the spectacular complex designed by Zaha Hadid, visiting which was a point of special attraction to all the participants.

A week long International Exhibition was also organized where there were several booths and stalls from UIA Member Sections including Bangladesh. Display panels comprising AWARD WINNING PROJECTS of Bangladesh were displayed at the IAB Booth during the exhibition.

IAB President Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Vice President (Int'l Relations) Ar. Md. Ehsan Khan, General Secretary Ar. Qazi M Arif and Fellow Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir attended the UIA Assembly on 8-10 September, 2017 which was held at DDP.

Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir was elected as UIA Council Member (Region IV) with Ar. Ehsan Khan as the Alternate to him. At the end of the Assembly, the House, thru election, nominated Copenhagen as the host of the UIA Congress in 2020.
Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) in association with Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA) hosted the ARCASIA 38th. Council Meeting in Kathmandu on 3-4 November this year. IAB delegation to Kathmandu consisted of about 40 architects including several EC members, which was, by far the largest. The two day event included Welcome & Closing Ceremony and some social and cultural events in addition to the Council Meeting. IAB President Ar. Kazi Nasir & Vice President (International Relations) Ar. Md. Ehsan Khan represented IAB in the Council Meeting.

The poster designed by Ar. Jubair Hasan and his team on their Amber Denim Project, was nominated as WINNER in the POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION on Green & Sustainable Architecture organized by SONA.

IAB organized a RECEPTION on the night of 4 November to the newly elected 5 Council Members of UIA (Region IV) who are members of ARCASIA Member Institutes.

IAB submitted Expression of Interest to host ARCASIA FORUM 20 in 2019. Following a spectacular AV & Verbal Presentation the Council voted in favour of IAB.

IAB Fellow Ar. Mashfi Binte Shams, Honb’le Ambassador of Bangladesh to Nepal and hosted a Dinner for IAB members on the evening of 6 November 2017 which was an enjoyable evening for all the members

IAB Wins over China to bring ARCASIA home in 2019

Following a spectacular presentation by IAB, one of the two contenders to host ARCASIA in 2019, the 38th Council Meeting (held on 4 Nov. Kathmandu) nominated BANGLADESH over China as the host for FORUM 20 & 40th Council Meeting in 2019. IAB President Kazi Golam Nasir and Vice President ( Int'l Relations) Ar. Ehsan Khan represented IAB in the Council. The bidding session included screening of a 6 min. AV (prepared by Ar. Enamul Karim Nirjhar) followed by a brief verbal presentation by IAB General Secretary Ar. Qazi M Arif.

40 member IAB Delegation included most of the EC members and several Fellows, Members, Assoc. Members who also participated at the concluding minutes of the presentation by offering a custom made UTTORIO as a gesture of warm hospitality to all COUNCIL MEMBERS. Everyone present, enjoyed THE MOMENT OF VICTORY with great Pleasure & Delight.

JOINT EVENTS

GrACe BUET-IAB-SREDA – International Seminar on Green Architecture - 4-5 August 2017
1st International Conference on Green Architecture (ICGrA 2017)

The Green Architecture Cell (GrACe), Department of Architecture, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Dhaka in collaboration with the Institute of Architects, Bangladesh (IAB) and the Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA) of Government of Bangladesh successfully organized the 1st International Conference on Green Architecture (ICGrA, 2017): Prospects and Challenges of Going Green during 04 - 05 August 2017 at BUET.

About 400 participants including High Government officials, Foreign Researchers, delegates, Architects, Planners, Engineers, Designers, Researchers, Academics and Students participated in the two day long Program. The Authors of the research papers are from different countries including Bangladesh, India, Japan, and USA.

Keynote Speech in the Inaugural Session was delivered by renowned Ar. Manit Rastogi, Founder Partner, Morphogenesis, New Delhi, Bengaluru, India.

There were six technical sessions on different themes and a special session as mentioned below:

Renewable Energy and Sustainability- Chaired by Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed;
Energy Efficiency and Environment- Chaired by Ar. Qazi M Arif;
Context and Vernacular- Chaired by Prof. Dr. Farida Nilufar;
Materials and Methods- Chaired by Dr Md. Ashikur Rahman Joarder
Community and Lifestyle- Chaired by Ar. Jalal Ahmed
Design and Retrofitting- Chaired by Dr. S M Najmul Imam
Special Session: Chaired by Ar. Mubasshar Hussain
Urban Thinkers Campus – UTC Dhaka 2017. 9-11 November 2017

In line with the call of World Urban Campaign (WUC), Urban Thinkers Campus Dhaka 2017 “Innovation, Identity and Designing of Intermediate Cities for The City We Need” was jointly organized by International Union of Architects (UIA) and the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) as the Host Partner. The three day event took place at IAB Centre Dhaka, Bangladesh on 9-11 November 2017.

UTC DHAKA 2017 was conceived as a platform for critical dialogue exchange between urban researchers, architects, engineers, planners, civil society actors and decision-makers who believe that urbanization can lead to positive city urban growth.

The campus was inaugurated with a key note speech by Dr. A Atiq Rahman, Environmental Scientist, Director, Bangladesh Centre for Advance Studies (BCAS focusing on Bangladesh vulnerabilities and Dhaka as a case study. Day two comprised of the technical sessions, a workshop and a plenary. Two parallel sessions consisting of four high-level round tables with distinguished members of several stake holders of the society explored real issues & solutions of designing intermediate cities through their paper presentations and discussions.

The round tables were on the following topics:

Session 1- Good Governance & Capacity Building
Session 2- Climate, Resilience & Infrastructure
Session 3- Compact Development & Urban-Rural Linkage
Session 4- Place Making and Sense of Identity

A base plan methodology workshop derived by UNESCO and UIA, a training on town planning moderated by an international expert, Josep Maria Llop took place engaging 40 participants. Consequently a plenary session prepared the drafting of Dhaka Declaration 2017.

Half day site visit of two urban project at Narayangonj District and Shibpur, Narsingdi District with 30 and 15 participants respectively. Narayangonj Mayor and Narsingdi’s MP were present at the respective sites engaging in dialogue with local people and Urban Lab exercises. Also a dialogue between architect Rafiq Azam and Nahas Khalil explaining design principles took place in presence of hundreds the students of architecture at IAB Centre Dhaka.

Lastly the campus came to an end with the Dhaka Declaration 2017 endorsed by the Honourable Minister of Housing and Public Works of Government of People’s Republic of Bangladesh. Dhaka Declaration will be communicated to Habitat III to include the relevant issues in the New Urban Agenda and will be published at WUC 2018 in Kaula Lampur, Malaysia.

World Bank - Centre of Excellence for Urban Development (CEUD)

IAB has been part of a long procedure for formation of a platform for urban development for Bangladesh. After long thoughtful negotiations, through collaboration of the World Bank and IBRD - a platform for urban development ‘CEUD’ was launched; a Centre of Excellence for Urban Development. CEUD is a joint platform of IAB, BIP, IEB and MAB (Municipal Associations of Bangladesh).

Each of the partner institutions, being represented by their respective Presidents, signed an MOU on 4 October 2017 at World Bank HQ in Dhaka. Consistent with their respective mandates, the Parties desire to collaborate in carrying out activities conducive to improving the urban management capacity of urban LGIs by providing sustained technical support through the establishment of a “Center of Excellence in Urban Development” in Bangladesh. The intended achievements being-advance the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to create sustainable cities and communities, build stronger institutions and partnerships,
and promote innovation in infrastructure and improve the performance of LGIs necessary for realizing the SDGs. As part of its support to Bangladesh Local Governments, the World Bank is facilitating this partnership among Bangladesh professionals participating in the urban development sector to establish a Center of Excellence in Urban Development ("CEUD"), to sustain the local knowledge, improve urban management, accelerate local government service delivery capacity and develop informed urban development professionals.

As follow up of the initiative an international event, 'International Cities Forum- building knowledge networks and partnership for sustainable urban development in Bangladesh' was held on 28-29 October 2017. A few municipalities have been awarded for the first time in the history of Bangladesh in this event. IAB has been a part of the jury process as well. A group of 11 Architects have been already appointed by the World Bank as interns for 11 Municipalities. Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Ar. Mannon Murshed Chowdhury and Ar. Shailla Joarder have been nominated to represent IAB to this venture.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

MoU with PORIBORTON CHAI- SHORT FILM contest titled SHORT & CLEAN
Executive Committee accepted the request from the social organization PORIBORTON CHAI to collaborate them in arranging a nationwide SHORT FILM contest titled SHORT & CLEAN,

After a couple of meetings with the management of the organization, an MoU has been signed with PORIBORTON CHAI where IAB will be the Strategic Partner in this event of the short film contest. IAB President Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir and Mr. Fida Haque, Chairman PORIBORTON CHAI signed the MoU in July 2017, on behalf of their respective organization. President on behalf of IAB has signed an MoU in August 2017 to collaborate as a Strategic Partner of PORIBORTON CHAI in relation to a Nation Wide Short Film Contest.

Demolition of the Lab Building at Khamar Bari, Farmgate, Dhaka
IAB has been concerned about the issue of the 100 year old Laboratory Building of the Agriculture Department which got brutally demolished in early November 2017. The issue turned into extremely sensational as the building was finally being demolished despite efforts from various sectors and platform to stop this heinous act. IAB certainly needs to take a significant role and responsibility to act and guide its members in the appropriate way as and when deemed necessary and just. As not much time was available during the time when the demolition activities started all of a sudden, All EC members, along with a few other concerned members were called in to an emergency meeting on 26 October 2017. After hours long meeting and discussion, a Press Release was issued and sent to all Print & Electronic Media on that night with special appeal to the concerned authorities to stop the demolition work right way.

To the extreme disappointment and shock to all sectors of the society, the act of demolition got special momentum and was completed in a couple days.

EC has once again invited several members, members from other professional institutes, civil society on 16 November 2017 to discuss way forward in this issue and issues related to CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION of old (with heritage value) buildings. In this light, IAB is organizing a Round Table discussion which will be held on 15 December at the VIP Lounge of the Press Club and shall be participated by invited citizens of the society who are proficient, knowledgeable and enlightened in the issue of Heritage, Conservation and the Significance of Old Buildings.

Flood Relief Fund
An amount of BDT 4,66,000 has been collected at IAB in the FLOOD RELIEF FUND this year, following an appeal to all members. As the flood receded, Executive Council decided to spend the collected fund towards house building for a section of flood effected people. Currently, IAB is in communication with a few NGOs such as; PRACTICAL ACTION, SAFE, RDRS, BRAC etc. in order to find the most appropriate ways & means to disburse and utilize the fund.

Benevolent Fund
Executive Council decided to offer a financial support of BDT 100,000 to Ar. Kazi Nurul Karim Dilu for his healthcare and treatment purpose. President handed over a Cheque to him in September 2017
CHAPTERS & CENTRES

CHITTAGONG CHAPTER
Installation Ceremony. 18 February 2017

Installation ceremony of the 8th Chapter Committee was considered as an event to promote the image of IAB in Chittagong. This was also an opportunity to raise fund for year round IAB activities and develop office infrastructure. Installation ceremony of the 8th Chapter Committee of IAB Chittagong was held on 18th February, 2017 at Chittagong Club Auditorium.

The chief guest was Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Land, Mr. Saifuzzaman Chowdhury Javed, MP and the special guests were CDA Chairman Mr. M. A. Salam and IAB President & Chief Architects of Directorate of Architecture, Government of Bangladesh, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir. IAB Vice President. Ar. Jalal Ahmed, General Secretary Ar. Qazi M Arif and 7 other Executive Council Members from Dhaka were also present. Honorable State Minister Mr. Saifuzzaman Chowdhury Javed, MP conducted the oath taking ceremony of the 8th Chapter Committee of IAB Chittagong. After the oath taking ceremony Senior Architects, Syeda Zarina Uddin (Hossain), Qazi Shamsud Tauheed, Taslimuddin Chowdhury, Sanaul Hoque, Maung Than Han, Late Khondkar Tajuddin, Late Ar. Saiful Kader (Manna) and Prof. Engr. M. Ali Ashraf were honoured for their contribution towards the architectural profession in this region.

Installation Ceremony of the 6th Chapter Committee was considered as an event to promote the image of IAB Chittagong. The event was held on 10 March, 2014 at Institution of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB) Auditorium. The Chief Guest & the Special Guests of the program respectively were Honorable State Minister for Land Saifuzzaman Javed, CDA Chairman M. A. Salam & IAB President Abu Sayeed M Ahmed. Chief Architect of Department of Architecture, Ministry of Housing & Public Works Ar. Ahsanul Haque Khan was an honorable guest. IAB Vice President Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir and General Secretary Ar. Jalal Ahmed were also present.

Honorable State Minister for Land Saifuzzaman Javed conducted the oath of the 6th Council of IAB. After the oath taking ceremony, Architect Bidhan Barua was honoured for his lifetime achievements and contribution towards the profession.

At that occasion prizes were given to the winners of the indoor games competition which was held earlier at IAB Ctg premises.

Under the amended constitution, for the 1st time AGM was convened on 5th December 2013. But, due to lack of quorum, the meeting could not take place on the scheduled date. It was held on the rescheduled date 20th December 2013.

CHITTAGONG CHAPTER
Joint Meeting with IAB Executive Council

IAB Chittagong Chapter maintains a close relationship with 22nd Executive Council of IAB. Two joint meetings were held between the 22nd EC of IAB and 8th Committee of IAB Chittagong Chapter; one on 18 February, 2017 and the other one was held on 20 October, 2017 at Chittagong.

The Chairman of IAB Chittagong Chapter Ar. Najm-ul Latif (Suhayl) attended several EC meetings at Dhaka.

CHITTAGONG CHAPTER
Celebration of Founding Anniversary

For the 1st time Founding Anniversary of IAB Chittagong Chapter was celebrated on 20 - 21 October, 2017 at IEB-Chittagong Center.

On 20th October 2017, Founding Anniversary was inaugurated by IAB President & Chief Architect of Department of Architecture, Government of Bangladesh Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir. He and Ar. Najm-ul Latif (Suhayl), Chairman of IAB Chittagong Chapter also inaugurated an exhibition of National and International award winning projects by Bangladeshi architects. Two seminars were held on the 1st day of Founding Anniversary celebration.
The first seminar titled "Collected Thoughts on Location Based Approach to Design - On Hindsight" was delivered by Ar. Nahas Ahmed Khalil. Ar. Ahmed Jinnur Chowdhury and Ar. Jalal Ahmed were the panel discussant at the seminar.

Second presentation titled "Facing Change & Changing Face" was delivered by Ar. Md. Rafiq Azam. Ar. Bidhan Barua and Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed were the panel discussant at this seminar.

On 21 October 2017, World Architecture Day was observed by IAB at Chittagong. Professor Dr. Ainun Nishat was the Keynote Speaker at that occasion. Ar. Syeda Zarina Uddin, Ar. Qazi M Arif and Prof. Ali Ashraf were the panel discussant at this event.

It might be mentioned that this is the first time the "World Architecture Day" was celebrated outside of Dhaka.

In the afternoon a presentation titled “বাড়ির নকশা নির্মাণ: স্থানীয় সম্পর্ক ও পরিকল্পনা” was presented by Dr. Khurshid Zabin Taufique, Director, Urban Development Directorate (UDD).

The Closing Ceremony of the Founding Anniversary was held in the evening. The chief guest & the special guests of the program were H.E. Anindya Banarjee, Assistant High Commissioner, High Commission of India in Chittagong and IAB President Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, respectively. This event, which was presided over by the Chairman of IAB Chittagong Chapter Ar. Najm-ul Latif (Suhayl), concluded with a Cultural Program followed by dinner.

(See details of other events of IAB Chittagong Chapter in the ANNUAL REPORT 2017 of IAB Chittagong Chapter)

COMMITTEE / SUB COMMITTEE / BOARD – 2017-18

About 19 Teams comprised of members and associate members in the form of Committee, Board and Sub Committee have been in operation in different activities of IAB since January 2017.

Please see ANNEXURE 1 for the details of all committees, sub committees and boards formed during the tenure of the 21st Executive Council.

OBITUARY

About 4 Fellows of IAB and 4 parents (Father/Mother) of the members passed away 2017. May their soul Rest in Eternal Peace.

Condolence letters from IAB have been sent to the members of the aggrieved families following the demise.

List of Fellow passed away in 2017

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City Corporation/ Pourashava / Upazila Building Rules Implementation

On 22nd June, 2017 Bangladesh Government gave a directive to form a committee under LGRD Ministry to provide approval of Building and to ensure better quality construction within the area of all City Corporations, Pourashavas
and Upazilas without the jurisdiction of development authority's (RajUK, KDA, CDA, RDA). For the first time, representatives of IAB are included in this sort of committee formed by Bangladesh Government. IAB appreciated this decision by the concerned authorities and immediately took initiatives to form a Committee and a Sub-Committee to provide better citizen service in drawing approval process. Please see ANNEXURE-1 for the Committee & Sub Committee structure.

All members of IAB were requested to express their interest to work in the above mentioned committees as the nominated representative on behalf of IAB. A huge number of members responded with interest and their choice/preference of working at different areas. IAB organized a general meeting with them on 26 August 2017, to exchange ideas and views regarding Building Approval Process in different City Corporation/ Paurashava / Upazila.

Meanwhile, these two committees formulated a Code of Conduct of the IAB representatives and a Check-List for Building Approval through a series of meetings. It is also to be mentioned that, IAB has also organized a Joint Meeting with two other professional bodies i.e. IEB & BIP for exchanging view & ideas in order to expedite building plan approval process.

IAB has already started the process by providing with nominations to participate as per the request letter by the different City Corporation/ Paurashava / Upazila Building Committee and the nominated architects have been performing the duties and submitting periodic report to IAB thereafter.

**AOTS Workshop in Japan**

Japan Government & The Association Of Technical cooperation & Sustainable partnerships (AOTS) has organized a workshop in Tokyo, Japan on Project Management for Construction Industry in Bangladesh. The invitation for application was circulated to all IAB members IAB on request of AOTS. Finally this 15 day scholarship program on 13-24 November 2017, was attended by 25 participants 13 of which were IAB members & Associate members. During the workshop, a number of construction managers & technical professionals from renowned construction companies explained the management policy in construction site as practiced by them.

The program also incorporated visits to different construction sites & green buildings, in Tokyo, Osaka & Kyoto. Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif, Secretary Profession, IAB, among others attended the workshop.

**Adhoc Appointment of two Admin Assistant (Peon)**

Two Admin Asst. (Peon) has been appointed to IAB in Adhoc basis for 3 months The Permanent appointment will be considered thru evaluation on their performance.

**New Recruitment of IAB staff**

Executive Council has decided to recruit following 3 staff for IAB administrative activities which has increased a lot after relocating to the permanent complex in Agargaon

1. 1 GM to supervise all staffs and general operation of IAB
2. 1 Junior/Senior Executive or Asst. Manager – Admin & Communication
3. 1 Junior/Senior Executive or Asst. Manager – Maintenance

A search Committee has been formed to commence the recruitment process urgently. Please see ANNEXURE 1 for the structure of the committee.

The committee is in the process of finalizing the recruitment within the end of December 2017

**IAB Meets Mayor DSCC**

IAB delegation headed by President Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir called on Md. Sayeed Khokon, Hon'ble Mayor of DSCC on 20 March 2017 at Nagar Bhaban to convey deep concerns regarding on-going development and face-lifting works at Dhaka New Market. Hon'ble Mayor gave a patient hearing and expressed his unanimity with the spirit of IAB members in preserving the dignity of this landmark of the city. DSCC, as mentioned by the CEO, was not involved with this work and Hon'ble Mayor gave instructions to his office right away to take necessary measures to put all works on hold until further instruction. DSCC assured to contact the shop owners association, the initiators of this development work, and will arrange a joint meeting together with IAB officials in order to determine an appropriate guideline for any development deemed necessary at the Dhaka New Market. Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Imm. Past President IAB, Ar. Mubashhar Husain, Past President IAB and Ar. Qazi M Arif, General
Secretary IAB were also present in the meeting along with Mr. Billal Husain, CEO, DSCC. IAB sincerely appreciates its members who pointed out this critical issue on the Social Media and who participated in the discussion with valuable comments & suggestions thereafter, and strongly hopes the issue be dealt with the utmost seriousness and importance by the Dhaka South City Corporation as taken over by Hon'ble Mayor.

**IAB Meets Chairman, National Board of Revenue**

A delegation comprising of IAB President Ar. Kazi Nasir, Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Treasurer Ar. Nowajish Mahbub, Secretary Profession Ar. Dewan S Arif and IAB Fellow Ar. Hasan Samsuddin met the Chairman of National Board of Revenue (NBR) Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman on Thursday, 17 August, 2017. In addition to the Chairman NBR, Member, VAT Policy of NBR Barrister Jahanir Hossain and Member Tax Policy of NBR were also present in the meeting. On behalf of IAB Ar. Jalal Ahmed submitted a letter to the Chairman of NBR with copies to the Honorable Minister, Ministry of Finance, Member VAT Policy of NBR and Member Tax Policy of NBR about the problems Architects are facing with the Clients regarding collection and payments of VAT and AIT and also proposed some remedies measures. In response the Chairman of NBR appreciated the suggestion made by IAB and directed the Member VAT Policy and Member Tax Policy of NBR to form a working committee along with representative of IAB. Member VAT Policy and Member Tax Policy mentioned that usually they start consultation with different stake holders from January for preparing the Fiscal Budget and they can start consultation with IAB before January’18 for the next budget.

**Water Purifier – a Gift from Shuchona Developments ltd.**

IAB has received a WATER PURIFIER from Ar. Akil Akhter, Managing Director of Shuchona Developments ltd. as a gift to be installed at IAB centre.

**Meeting with Vice Chancellor, Dhaka University**

A delegation from IAB headed by President called on Mr. AAMS Arefin Siddiqui, hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University on 16 April 2017 to express concerns about a tall building supposedly being proposed to be built at the premises of TSC.

Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Vice President (National Affairs), Ar. Qazi M Arif, General Secretary & Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif, Secretary Profession were also present in the meeting. Mr. Siddiqui offered a patient hearing to the appeal and assured that he would convey the message to the concerned officials and shall insist in reconsidering the proposal.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**IAB National Convention 2018**

**ARCASIA FORUM 20- BANGLADESH 2019**

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