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Annual General Meeting and IAB Election 2014

Election of 21st Executive Council and Bi-Annual General Meeting of Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) was held on 5th December 2014. The day long event took place at the premises of newly built “IAB Centre” at Agargaon. A large number of architects participated in the event held in joyful and festive environment. At the Bi-Annual General Meeting, Ar. Jalal Ahmed, General Secretary presented the Annual Report and Ar. Farida Nilufar, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report on behalf of the 20 Executive Council of IAB.

The election of the 21st Executive Council was the last agenda of the Meeting. Elections were held in the post of Vice President (International Relations) and Secretary Membership posts. The other members of the 21st Executive Council were elected uncontested. Ar. Masudur Rahman Khan and Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir Titas were the candidates for VP (IA), while Ar. Shahnawaz Masud and Ar. Emdad Habib Polok vied for the post of Secy Membership. Ar. Masudur Rahman Khan and Ar. Shahnawaz Masud were elected. The members of the 21st Executive Council are –

Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed – President, Ar. Jalal Ahmed -Vice-President (National Affairs); Ar. Masudur Rahman Khan - Vice-President (International Relations); Ar. Qazi M Arif - General Secretary; Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury - Assistant General Secretary; Ar. Nowajish Mahbub - Treasurer; Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Royad - Secretary, Education; Ar. Ehsan Khan - Secretary, Professional Affairs; Ar. Shahnawaz Masud - Secretary, Membership; Ar. Masud Ur Rashid - Secretary, Publication & Publicity; Ar. Farhana Sharmin - Secretary, Seminar & Convention; Ar. Asif M Ahsanul Haq - Secretary, Heritage & Culture; Ar. Shaila Joarder - Secretary, Environment & Urbanization; Ar. Taslimuddin Chowdhury – Chairman (Chittagong Chapter) and Ar. Mubasshar Hussain - Immediate Past President.

The Election of IAB Chittagong branch was held at its Chittagong office on the very same day. Ar. Taslimuddin Chowdhury and Ar. Sohel Mohammad Shakur were elected as the Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Branch Committee consisting of 9 members. Other members of the Branch Committee are- Ar. Faruk Ahmed, Treasurer; Ar. Ashiq Imran, Member, Profession; Ar. Md. Golam Rabbani Chowdhury, Member, Membership; Ar. Hossan Murad, Member, Education; Ar. Fazle Imran Chowdhury, Member, Seminar; Ar. Bijoy Shankar Talukder, Member, Culture and Ar. Abdullah Rumman, Member, Publication.

The newly formed Council will be fulfilling its responsibilities for 2 years from January 1st 2015.

The members of the Election Commission 2014 under which the election was held are Ar. Ahsanul Haque Khan - Chief Election Commissioner; Ar. Shahadat Hossain - Deputy Chief Election Commissioner; Ar. Bidhan Chandra Barua - Assistant Chief Election Commissioner; Ar. Md. Sabir Arefin Talukder - Election Commissioner; Ar. Ahmad Jinnur Chowdhury - Election Commissioner; Ar. Kawsary Perveen - Election Commissioner.
IAB Delegation Meets Honorable Speaker of Jatiyo Sangsad

A delegation from Institute of Architects Bangladesh met Hon’ble Speaker of Bangladesh National Parliament Ms. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury on 2 March 2015.

Led by IAB President Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed PhD, the team included former President of IAB Ar. Rabiul Husain, Ar. Jalal Ahmed (Vice President National Affairs), Ar. Masudur Rahman Khan (Vice President International Affairs), Ar. Qazi M Arif (General Secretary), Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury (Asst. General Secretary) and Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu (Secretary Seminar).

The IAB delegation briefed the Hon’ble Speaker on various issues related to the design of National Parliament Complex by Ar. Louis I Kahn and the importance of maintaining the original master plan. The delegation also presented Hon’ble Speaker, recently published Members’ Directory, ARCASIA HERITAGE book and a couple of books on the Parliament Complex authored by IAB members.

IAB also expressed strong desire to assist/support GOB to start official procedure for enlistment of the National Parliament Complex as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

IAB Indoor Games Tournament 2015

The first ever IAB INDOOR GAMES TOURNAMENT got off to a flying start on the evening on 9 March 2015 at IAB Centre premises at Agargaon.

The tournament was declared open by Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Immediate Past President, IAB.

Chaired by IAB President Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, the inauguration program was graced by the presence of eminent sports personalities like former national badminton champion Ar. Zakariul Islam Swapan, former national table tennis champion Zobera Rahman Linu and General Secretary of Bangladesh Badminton Federation Zobaidur Rahman Rana. Ar. Shahid Hassan Rabbani briefed the audience on the details of the tournament.

At the conclusion of the inaugural program, Chief Guest and Special Guests released a group of pigeons and Zobera Rahman Linu played table tennis with a number of architects including Ar. Selim Altaf Biplob, one of the key organizers of the tournament.

The tournament was coordinated by Ar. Masudur Rahman Khan - Vice- President (International Relations).
Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programs on Two Topics

A CPD course titled “Architects Obligations under IAB Constitution, Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct and Methods of Selection of Architects” was held on 7 February, 2015. Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Vice President (National Affairs) of IAB was the instructor in the three-hour course, which was participated by 60 architects. At the end of the event, certificate was distributed among the participants. The event was powered by Asian Paints Bangladesh Ltd.

The CPD event was coordinated by Ar. Ehsan Khan, Secretary, Professional Affairs.

A CPD course on “Imarat Nirman Bidhimala 2008” was held on 7 March 2015. Attended by 60 architects, the event was conducted by Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif. The course focused on comprehensive knowledge on Imarat Nirman Bidhimala 2008 and its application in design. It was a whole day long course. At the end of the event, certificate was distributed among the participants. The event was powered by Asian Paints Bangladesh Ltd.

The CPD event was coordinated by Ar. Ehsan Khan, Secretary, Professional Affairs.

On Sites & At Studios Program


In this platform, highly regarded and eminent architects meet their fellows at their studios, to share the experiences gathered from their professional arena, successes and struggles and bring some of their projects to light.

The first program of the series titled “BREATHING OF BRICKS” was conducted by Ar Bashirul Haq title and was held in two sessions on 28 February and 7 March 2015 at the studio Bashirul Haq & Associates Ltd. This was followed by site visits of projects designed by the eminent architect.

The ‘On Sites & At Studios’ series is being coordinated by Ar. Asif M Ahsanul Huq, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, IAB.
MoU signed between IAB and REHAB for Design Competition

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) and the Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB) on the 30 March 2015 at the REHAB office at Sonargaon Road, Dhaka. As per the MoU, IAB will organize an Open Architectural Competition for the design of ‘REHAB Training Institute’ at Plot-05, Road-6A, Sector-17, Block-K, Uttara 3rd Phase, Dhaka.

President of IAB Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed and President of REHAB Mr. Alamgir Shamsul Alam signed the MoU on behalf of the respective organizations. IAB General Secretary Ar. Qazi M Arif, Vice President (National) Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Vice President (International) Ar. Masudur Rahman Khan, Secretary (Profession) Ar. Ehsan Khan were present on behalf of IAB.

Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir represented IAB at the Meeting of UIA Professional Practice Commission

The first meeting of UIA PPC Professional Practice Commission 2014-2017 was held at the UIA office in Paris on 9-11 February 2015. Out of 45 members 26 attended the meeting. Rick A. Lincicome from USA and Zhuang Weimin from China been reelected as the Co Directors for next Triennium (2015-2017). As the PPC Member Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir from IAB volunteered to attend the meeting.

Meeting ended with discussion on Implementation Task Group-PPC Task Force on Mobility. The following persons talked on various related topics - Mobility of Architects-Facilitation of global practice- (Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir), UIA Member section Database-(Stephen Nutt), Existing Document Review and Guidelines for Publication - (Shin Chungyu). The Paris meeting set certain goals for implementation - especially for ITG, Implementation Task Group - PPC Task Force on Mobility. Exclusivity of Architecture – a new Joint sub committee on Education and Practice has been formed.

Ar. Qazi M Arif Elected Chairperson of ARCASIA Committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture [ACGSA]

IAB General Secretary Ar. Qazi M Arif was elected as the Chairperson of ARCASIA Committee on Green and Sustainable Architecture [ACGSA] on 17 January 2015 at Bangkok, Thailand.
IAB Directory

The count-down was finally over. The long-awaited IAB Directory 2014 was published on 6 February 2015 at the INSTALLATION CEREMONY of 21st Executive Council. The publication of the IAB Directory is a great task accomplished by the 20th Executive Council of IAB given that the effective tenure of the EC was only sixteen months.

Judging by the volume of the new directory, it is evident that the membership base of IAB has significantly widened during the past eight years since the last publication of the IAB Directory in 2006. There have been significant changes in the IAB Constitution related to membership like the introduction of two new categories of Honorary Fellow and Honorary Member and renaming of Candidate Members to Associate Members. The changes in membership status and contact information laid down the biggest challenge in the updating process. Due to the constant modification of information, it was effectively difficult to rectify errors that had previously piled up over the years in the manually maintained database. Several letters were sent to the members requesting to update their information with a special request sent to the members to supply recent photographs in digital format. Lastly, in addition, three draft copies were kept at the registration desk at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which allowed members to review the information prior to printing. The IAB Directory 2014 was the outcome of the tedious work done by the publication team spearheaded by its Editor, Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad, Secretary, Publication and Publicity. Ar. Shahnawaz Masud, Secretary, Membership with the members of IAB administration, worked tirelessly to update the new list of members. Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, Asst. General Secretary, Ar. M.M. Al-Mizan Himel and Ar. Tarek Haider also made immense efforts for the successful publication.

It is worth mentioning that the automation of membership application, renewal and updating process has begun, with its trial implementation expected to commence in July 2015. This technological stepping stone will not only be of great convenience to members but also make all the information related to membership available and editable online by means of web-based software management.

An Architect in Bangladesh: Conversations with Muzharul Islam

The Muzharul Islam Foundation and Mongalbarer Shobha with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), jointly announced the publication of An Architect in Bangladesh: Conversations with Muzharul Islam, and invited all members to the launching program of the book on 13 January 2015 at Chhayanaut Auditorium, Dhanmondi.

An Architect in Bangladesh: Conversations with Muzharul Islam is a window to modernity in Bangladesh and the place of architecture there in the views of the foremost architect of the country - Muzharul Islam (1923-2012). As Prof. Shamsul Wares writes in the preface of the book, as a visionary architect, Muzharul Islam was a great civilizing force for our society, an upward catalyst for our culture. Based on long conversations recorded almost twenty years ago, the book documents for the first time the ideology of Muzharul Islam and testifies to his deeply felt thoughts on architecture, art, culture, and politics. Edited with an introduction by Kazi Khaleed Ashraf, the book contains original conversations and unpublished photographs. The book published by Loka and supported by Ehsan Khan Architects.

Prof. Anisuzzaman (Professor Emeritus, Dhaka University) was the distinguished chief guest. Prof. Shamsul Wares (Department of Architecture, Asia-Pacific University), Prof. Kazi Khaleed Ashraf (School of Architecture, University of Hawaii), Ar. Prof. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed (President, Institute of Architects Bangladesh) and Ar. Ehsan Khan were the discussants. Ar. Saif Ul Haque moderated the event.
SAARCH Council Meeting and the Jaipur Architecture Festival 2015

The Indian Institute of Architects, Rajasthan Chapter organized the Jaipur Architecture Festival along with the Biggest Stonemart Expo in India from 28 to 30 January 2015. Several national and international architects presented their talks in this festival. Ar. Jayantha Perera, past president SLIA and SAARCH was the chairman of the event and Architect B V Doshi was the chief guest of the program. President of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed represented IAB in this festival.

SAARCH Council meeting was also held during this event on 30 January in the Jaipur Convention Hall. President of IAB, IIA, SONA, SLIA, BIA, Maldives along with other delegates were also attended this event. Cross Border Training was the main focus of discussion in this council meeting.

HBRI Workshop on Emergency Sandbag Shelter & Eco-Villages: 21st Century Design Methods; “Ceramic Houses and Earth Architecture”

HBRI (Housing and Building Research Institute) organized a two day long workshop titled “Ceramic Houses and Earth Architecture” at the open precinct of HBRI, Darus-Salam, Mirpur in the city on 13 and 14 February 2015. Architects, students and other professionals from various sectors took part in the workshop. The workshop offered the architects and engineers an opportunity to learn new building technology towards sustainability through exchanging ideas of construction methods. The workshop was about to explore the strategies of making flood resistant building based on the award winning “Emergency Sandbag Shelter Technology” by Ar. Nader Khalili. Renowned Architect Iliona Outram Khalili, Director of New Earth UK, London; former adjunct faculty of Southern California Institute of Architecture, Ahtanin Khair Tanin from New Earth UK and Ar. Bikash Saud Ansary, Head of Dept. of Architecture, Bangladesh University jointly conducted the workshop. At the workshop, Iliona demonstrated the methods and techniques of making ceramic domes from scratch to reality. The workshop brought together a group of over 150 participants – encouraging and developing skills on new building technology. The main aim of the project is to explore the potential of new techniques which have disaster resilience construction, particularly in flood, cyclone, and earthquake which are the main disaster problems in Bangladesh.
Engage Dhaka 2015 by Bengal Foundation

A three daylong International Architecture Conference organized by Bengal Foundation titled Engage Dhaka 2015 was held on 15, 16, 17 January 2015 at Army Museum field in Bijoy Shoroni, Dhaka. A distinguished panel of 16 speakers including world renowned architects, urban planners, historians and critics were invited from all over the world to share their ideas, discuss their works and deliberate on issues related to Place and Presence. This was the first ever conference on architecture on such scale and was attended by thousands. The event was made an outstanding one due to skillful organization of Bengal Foundation. The event was dedicated to Sthapatyacharya Muzharul Islam. The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) was an associate to the event.

Mr. AMA Muhith, Honorable Minister for Finance, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, inaugurated the Conference as the Chief Guest on 15 January 2015. Honorable Minister for Information Mr. Hasanul Haq Inu, MP, Honorable State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Mr. Nasrul Hamid, MP and Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, President of IAB were present as Special Guests.

At the event, Mr. Abul Khair, Chairman, Bengal Foundation announced the launching of the Bengal Architecture and Design Institute., to be headed by Professor Kazi Khaleed Ashraf, the Institute will seek to provide a forum for understanding built environment as well as developing programs aimed at improving the conditions of architecture.

Berger Paints BD Ltd. felicitated IAB on IAB day

Berger Paints BD Ltd. felicitated Institute of Architects Bangladesh on IAB Day 2015 on 25.02.15 at the IAB office. The team from Berger was led by Mr. Mohsin Habib Chowdhury, GM Sales and Marketing, and included Mr. Sadeque Newaz, Mr. Azizul Haque and Mr. Tariqul Islam.

Institute of Architects Bangladesh paid respect to the martyrs of the Liberation War on the Victory day 2014. On behalf of IAB, EC members with more than 30 architects submitted flower wreath at the Jatiyo Smritti Shoudho on 16 December 2014.
Homage to the Martyrs of Language Movement on 21 February 2015

Institute of Architects Bangladesh paid respect to the martyrs of Language Movement in the first hours on Ekushey February - the International Mother Language Day 2015 at the Central Shaheed Minar. On behalf of IAB, EC members were present with about 35-40 architects. IAB was joined by ArCAAB and AKAR, the Architecture Alumni Associations of BUET & Khulna University architects during the event.

Installation Ceremony of the 21st Executive Council

The installation ceremony of the executive council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) was held on 6 February 2015 at the IAB Centre at Agargaon in the capital. As chief guest, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Engineer Mosharraf Hossain, MP conducted the oath of newly elected members of the Executive Council.

In his speech, the honorable minister said that any ideal city can be developed with good contribution of architects and their innovative ideas. To save the cities, specially Dhaka and Chittagong, the new generation architects have to play the central role. He called upon all the architects of the country to work with more responsibility and care.

Chairman of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakhya (RAJUK), Engr. G M Joynal Abedin Bhuiyan also attended the program as Special Guest. The RAJUK Chairman said that the nation will remember IAB and its architects for their contribution in developing the National Building Code. He added if the codes were developed and implemented properly two decades earlier, Dhaka city would look more beautiful. He assured everyone that in future RAJUK will design and develop any of its constructions through competitions the help of IAB.

The ceremony was chaired by the President of IAB Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed. In the beginning of the program, Ar. Sayeed expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the government and all architects for being able to hold the ceremony at IAB’s own building. He mentioned the voluntary activities of IAB in developing beautiful and well planned country and reiterated its commitment to help the government in making any policy for related to building and environment. He also added that in this country whatever beautiful buildings had been developed in the past, were designed by local architects and in future also, these architects of IAB will remain committed to help design any kind of building if the government wants. In addition to that he requested everyone to refrain from destroying important constructions considering their historic and architectural significance and drew the attention of the government about this concern.

At the ceremony, the outgoing members of the 20th Executive Council were presented with crests. In the same program, the winners of the design competition of RAJUK Headquarters were awarded and the cover of the IAB Directory has been unfolded. The program became a vibrant reunion due to presence of a number of fresh and veteran architects and was concluded with performance by eminent singer Kumar Biswajit.

Mirpur Ceramics Ltd. was the Sponsor of the event. The Co-Sponsors were Great Wall Ceramics, Prime Marble and Nippon Paints Ltd.
Members of 21st Executive Council taking Oath
Award Announcement and Exhibition of Creating an Urban Oasis: An Idea Competition for the Tejgaon Old Airport Site, Dhaka

Places for relaxation, recreation and interaction are the heart of a city’s fabric in order to ensure the quality of life of its citizens. In addition, urban open spaces and greenery are integral parts of urban land use for environmental and ecological balance. Considering the dense population and limited land resource, it is always a challenge for the professionals and policy makers to develop public spaces within the built up area of a city like Dhaka. Yet, a closer look into the land use pattern of the city, it is evident that large parcels of land have remained either underused or unutilized for decades. Tejgaon Old Airport is such an example of a site which can be transformed into a vibrant public place through innovative and visionary design and planning.

The Association of BUET Alumni (ABUETA), in cooperation with IAB, IEB and BIP called for a competition on the theme “Creating an Urban Oasis: An Idea Competition for the Tejgaon Airport Site”. The competition successfully attracted about 263 students from the disciplines of architecture, planning and engineering of different universities of the country to submit visionary design proposals for the existing 415 acre site of Tejgaon Old Airport situated in the heart of Dhaka Mega City.

The primary goal of this student competition was to generate potential ideas/proposals for the Tejgaon Old Airport in order to transform the existing under-utilized site into an urban public space for the millions of city dwellers. A jury panel of 8 members that included Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Architect Rabiul Husain, Professor Nazrul Islam, Professor Sarwar Jahan, Professor Abul barak Alvi, Professor Mujibur Rahman, Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed and Architect Shah Alam Zahiruddin rigorously examined the submitted projects to select the top three projects. Apart from this, special commendation has been given to another three teams. The first prize winners of the competition are Sadia Humayra Mounata, Bin Sayeed Bakhti, Ahmed Yusuf Ibn Kabir Khan, Department of Architecture, BUET; Suvodip Singha, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, BUET and Shamima Nasrin, Department of Civil Engineering, BUET.

The second prize winners are Emran Hossain Suman, Mukti Ara Zaman, Md. Ismile, Sardar Kamal Hossain, Department of Architecture, Bangladesh University; Muhammad Abul Khayer Chishty, Department of Architecture, University of Asia Pacific; C M Ehatu Shamul Enam, Department of Civil Engineering, WUB and Md. Rashed Majumder, Department of URP, BUET.

The third prize winners are Hasib Sarowar, Merazul Islam Bhuyan, Sk. Hossan Al-Tanbin, Jati Mallick, Azima Tabasum, Department of Architecture, Khulna University; Md. Hossenuzzaman, Department of Civil Engineering, KUET and Al-Ferdous Ahmed, Department of URP, Khulna University.

On 26 February 2015, the award announcement and inauguration program was held in BUET Central Auditorium. In this program Professor Khaleda Ekram, Honorable Vice Chancellor, BUET was present as Chief Guest. Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, President, ABUETA; Professor Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, President, Institute of Architects Bangladesh; Professor Dr. Shamim Z. Bosunia; President, Institute of Engineers Bangladesh; Professor Dr. Golam Rahman, President, Bangladesh Institute of Planners; Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Chief Executive, Biswa Shahitto Kendro and Professor Dr. Ishrat Islam, Convener and Coordinator of the competition delivered their speech on the occasion. Professor Khaleda Ekram inaugurated the exhibition.
Participants with the organizer of the workshop

The First ICOMOS-Bangladesh Workshop on Heritage Conservation and Management was held on 18 February 2015 at Southeast University (SEU). The workshop was organized by ICOMOS-Bangladesh in partnership with the Department of Architecture, SEU and supported by UNESCO Office, Dhaka.

ICOMOS-Bangladesh Workshop on Heritage Conservation and Management

Ar. Emran Hossain Wins MH17 Memorial + Park International Honorable Mention

IAB Member Ar. Mohammed Emran Hossain’s [H-147] entry in the MH17 Memorial + Park International Open Ideas Competition for Young Architects and Students was declared one of top seven entries and received Honorable Mention.

MH17 Memorial, an international open ideas competition to remember and honor the victims of the MH17 tragedy. MATTERBETTER has proposed to design an artificial island in the IJmeer in Amsterdam as a foundation for the MH17 Memorial. It should form a new public space - the place for remembrance, ceremonies, recreation and private gatherings. The Memorial will also accommodate a landscape park in addition to its main purpose and has to become an inviting place open for physical interaction, the place that honors remembrances, respect for life and a preservation of peace.

Ar. Emran Hossain’s proposal considered "SILENCE" [of the departed] as an Emblem for this competition and suggested three "RUINS" [memorial] sites as an expression of "force of nature/events (natural or manmade)" and the inevitable affirmation of that force, where the ruin operates as a symbol of eternal return. All three sites embody "momentary totality", "self-contained, concentrated, steadfastly remaining itself". They aspire to aesthetic autonomy, completion and transcendental unity, and it has been wrapped in harmony ... affirming of memory as an adjunct fate. They deal with certain sorrows, with certain losses, with certain voids, with heightened movements and silent stillness. The instruments (microphones, speakers, "Clock/Collapse of Time") are the indictments of actual presence and the 'silence' is the absent presence of the victims. The journey of the released "Silence" is not linear...it disappears...reappears...disappears... but forever remains in the void of memory.

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IAB Cricket Team Plays Friendly with Khulna University Architecture Discipline

The IAB Cricket Team traveled to Khulna to play two friend matches with the Architecture Cricket Team of Khulna University on 6 and 7 March 2007.

Prof. Afroza Parvin, Head, Discipline of Architecture, Khulna University was present during the matches, along with an enthusiastic group of spectators.

The IAB Cricket Team was led by Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan Jumu.

Students of BUET awarded in ICON International Student Design Competition

Students of second year, Department of Architecture, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) have been awarded the first prize of ICON International Student Design Competition, 2015 launched by Aditya College of Architecture, India. The awarded project named ‘One with the Universe’ proposes 21st Century’s iconic structure to represent the unique context, culture, custom and climate of Dhaka as identification of Bangladesh. Based on ‘Gaia Hypothesis’ — history of mother earth, a metaphoric structure as a gathering and display space is generated which can take one to their ethnic background, history, ancestry and the origin of mother earth, where all emanate from and where all are heading back. The concept for the landscape was generated from the ‘Gaia Tree’ Symbol of universal oneness.

Ar. Mubasshar Hossain, Immediate Past President of IAB was the chief guest of the prize giving ceremony. He also presented a paper titled “Heritage & Contemporary Architecture of Bangladesh” in the conference organized by the Aditya College of Architecture, Mumbai, India.

Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir appointed as the Chief Architect, Dept. of Architecture, Ministry of Housing & Public Works

Govt. of People’s Republic of Bangladesh appointed Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir as the Chief Architect, Dept. of Architecture, Ministry of Housing & Public Works on 26 January 2015. He succeeded Ar. Ahsanul Huq Khan as the highest ranked architect in government.

Ar. Nasir has over the years served in various capacities in the Executive Council of Institute of Architects Bangladesh. He was the Vice President (National Affairs) in the immediate past Executive Council.

IAB wishes Ar. Nasir success in his new position.
IAB Delegation Meets CDA Chairman

The newly elected Chittagong Chapter Committee of IAB lead by Chairman Ar. Taslim Uddin Chowdhury and Secretary Ar. Sohail M Shakoor visited Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) and met CDA Chairman Mr. M A Salam during a courtesy visit. In the meeting the importance of architect’s role in a project was highlighted and also prevention of the unlawful signature practice was discussed. The Chairman assured his cooperation.

IAB Chittagong Chapter Chairman Ar. Taslim Uddin Chowdhury and Secretary Ar. Sohail M Shakoor met the CDA Chairman on another occasion to discuss architect’s concern about mal-practice in CDA.

Workshop on conservation

As a part of architectural heritage site conservation initiative, the members of IAB Chittagong, led by Past Chairperson Ar Zarina Hossain and Secretary Sohail M Shakoor, visited the heritage site of PK SEN House at Chittagong.

Homage to the Martyrs of Language Movement

On the 21st of February, 2015, the members of the IAB, Chittagong Chapter, gathered to pay homage to the language martyrs at midnight at Chittagong Shaheed Minar. On the following day a discussion session was arranged at IAB Ctg. Chapter office on the importance and influence of language on architecture.

Upcoming INTERNATIONAL Events

ARCASIA Forum 18

The ARCASIA 18th Forum is going to be hosted by the Association of Siamese Architects (ASA) and the Forum will be held in Ayutthaya city of Thailand from 10-17 November 2015.

For detail: www.arcasia.org/events/upcoming-events

ARCASIA Student Competition 2015

Submission of the design in electronic format by 26 June 2015

For detail: www.arcasia.org/events/upcoming-events

ARCASIA Awards for Architecture 2015

29th May: Nomination Opens (Open for Online Registration)
31th July: Nomination Closes (Deadline for Submission)
Visit for detail: http://www.arcasia.org/home

CAA 50th Anniversary International conference in London - June 2015

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) will host the Commonwealth Association of Architects’ 50th Anniversary Commemoration, in London on 15 – 19 June 2015.

WA Cup 2015 (Football)

The Association of Siamese Architects under Royal Patronage has arranged the WA Cup 2015 (Football) to be held in conjunction with ARCASIA Forum 18, on 10 November 2015 at Adidas Indoor Soccer Field, Premium Outlet Ayutthaya, Thailand.

Deadline of formation of team structure: 30 June 2015
Contact IAB office for more detail.
The Berger Awards Programme for the Students of Architecture, BUET (BASAB)

The Berger Awards Programme for the Students of Architecture, BUET (BASAB) has been a joint initiative by the Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited (BPBL) and the Dept. of Architecture, BUET to promote young academic talents in architecture education since 2006. For each academic year, BASAB gives awards under the following categories: Berger Travel Grants, Berger Best Portfolio Award, Berger Promising Designer Award, and Berger Best Design Awards. Award presentation ceremonies for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 Award Cycles of BASAB were merged, and held on 21 March 2015 at BUET Auditorium. The award presentation event was graced by Professor Khaleda Ekram, Vice Chancellor, BUET as Chief Guest, Ms. Rupali Chowdhury, Managing Director, BPBL as Special Guest, Professor Dr. Farida Nilufar, Head, Dept. of Architecture, and Professor Dr. Shayer Ghafur, Director, Programme Committee. Professor Khaleda Ekram and Ms. Rupali Chowdhury handed over the Award Crests and Award Certificates respectively to the award recipient students. Mr. Mohsin Habib Chowdhury, GM-Sales & Marketing (BPBL) and Prof. Shaheda Rahman were present among other guests and dignitaries. The selection of student(s) for Awards was carried by a five member Jury, of which three members were drawn from the Dept. of Architecture, BUET and two from outside BUET. External Jurors for these two cycles were Prof. Dr. Shahnawaj, Jahangirnagar University and Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan; and the internal Jurors were Prof. Khaleda Ekram later replaced by Prof. Dr. Zebun Nasreen Ahmed, Ar. S M Najmul Imam, and Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad.

AUST Students Worked for MSDP (2011-2031) Project

Recently the students of Design Studio VII, Department of Architecture, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST), has participated in the Mymensingh Strategic Development Plan (MSDP) 2011-2031 project as a part of their academic program. MSDP 2011-2031 is being executed by the Urban Development Directorate (UDD) within the framework of the Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme-II (CDMP-II) under the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief. UDD has taken initiative to designate particular segments of the MSDP for design exercise which is implemented by the Department of Architecture, AUST.

The Project Director of MSDP Ar. Dr. K. Z. H. Taufique and his team of UDD, played the role of client and thus students had the opportunity to exercise and experience of a real life urban planning and design project. Students had several presentations of their exercise before different group of audience, outside the academic environment, such as the honorable Mayor of the Mymensingh City Corporation, Additional Secretary of CDMP-II, Director of UDD and others at BIAM Auditorium.

In this exercise, students, under the guidance of studio guides, Ar. Dibbendu Saha, Ar. Maher Niger and Ar. Naimul Aziz, have demonstrated their efforts of understanding, analyzing, decision-making and designing of real life urban problems.
Exhibition by Students of UAP

An experimental art exhibition of students work of first year, first semester of Department of Architecture, University of Asia Pacific titled “Dealing with Spaces: Art intervention in architecture” was held at the Dhaka Art centre, Dhanmondi. The subject matter of the exhibition was to turn the empty gallery spaces into installation where the spectator will move through, feel the existence of spaces within. The students worked with several themes such as sensual feeling of light, air and enclosure, space divider, surface, texture, service, function, process, sound and memory. All together 12 artworks were exhibited in 6 rooms, corridors and in open stairway. This week long exhibition was inaugurated by Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Vice Chancellor of UAP. Eminent educationist Professor Shamsul Wares, Dean, Environmental Science and Design, UAP and Prof. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Head of Dept. of Architecture, UAP were also present in the inaugural event. A publication on this exhibition was also published by the Dept. of Architecture, UAP.

Second Cycle Of The ‘Noman Award For Excellence In Design’ (NAED) 2014 At BRACU

Department of Architecture, BRAC University celebrated the second cycle of the ‘Noman Award for Excellence in Design’ (NAED) 2014 on 20 February 2015. Through this event the department recognized the best design from the graduating batch of 2014. The Award Giving Ceremony was followed by an exhibition of the shortlisted projects. Pro VC & Chairperson Prof. Fuad H. Mallick and Ar. Khaled Noman graced the occasion along with the jurors of the Award - eminent architects Mohammad Foyez Ullah and Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad. Honorable President of IAB Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Chief Architect Kazi Golam Nasir and Deputy Chief Architect Shahadat Hossain of Ministry of Housing and Public Works were also present at the event.

A jury panel containing eminent architects have reviewed and selected the winning project by Safa Binte Safiullah. They also selected two more projects as jury commendation by Bidoura Mosharraf and Farasha Zaman. Eight projects were selected from two final year studios completed in 2014. Nominated Students were Aleya Farah Sinthee, Mushda Ali, Aminulqbal Eshta, Asad Hossen, Bidoura Mosharraf, Farzana Afroz, Safa Binte Saffiullah, Farasha Zaman.

Khaled Noman AIA is an architect of Bangladeshi origin, living and practicing in Chicago, USA. He has generously provided an endowment to be used to recognize excellence in design for the students of architecture at BRAC University. The Award aspires to enhance student’s active participation in architecture design process by acknowledging outstanding studio projects.

D’Expo at SUST

“D’Expo” (Design Exposition) is an exhibition of the studio works of all levels of the Dept. of Architecture, SUST. Organized by Arc Society(ArcS), SUST, the exhibition was held on SUST Campus on 13 February 2015. Prof. Dr. Md Aminul Haque Bhuiyan, honorable Vice Chancellor,SUST was the keynote speaker of the event.). In total 50 projects were exhibited and included not only academic projects but also photography and fine arts. This was the third D’Expo to be held. This year’s D’Expo theme was architecture around Sylhet. Climate and topography responsive designs were exhibited.
Ar. Khandaker Tazuddin

After a year-long battle with cancer, Ar. Khandaker Tazuddin [IAB T-004] breathed his last on 3 March 2015. Born in 1960, he graduated from the Department of Architecture, BUET in 1992. Ar. Tazuddin was the leading expert in Codes and Regulations related to Fire Hazards in buildings and played a significant role as one of the Key Professionals in updating of the Bangladesh National Building Code. IAB honors and recalls his relentless contribution to the Institution and deeply moans his untimely demise.

A Memorial Meeting for Ar. Khondaker Tazuddin, organized by IAB, was held on 21 March 2015 at the premises of Chhayanaught Bhabon. Architects, engineers, acquaintances, friends and family members all gathered around to respectfully commemorate the valuable and selfless contributions made by Ar. Tazuddin. Speakers who paid respect to memory of Ar. Tazuddin included Dr. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, President, Association of BUET Alumni; Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Immediate Past President, IAB; Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, Chief Architect, Dept. of Architecture, Govt. of Bangladesh; Brig. Gen. Naim, ex-Director General, Fire Services & Civil Defence; Engr. A Awal, ex-President, Real Estate & Housing Association of Bangladesh; Engr. Abu Sadek, Director, HBRI; Md. Atiqul Islam, President, BGMEA and Ar. Qazi M Arif, General Secretary, IAB.

Ar. Abu Jafar Mohammed Alamgir

Architect Abu Jafar Mohammed Alamgir was a man of wide vision in the field of art, architecture, construction and relationship of building with people of all stages. He founded an architectural consulting firm named ARCHETYPE in 1988 and dedicated himself to the profession of Architecture and Building construction and contributed a style in Architecture which represents a cultural signature of Bangladeshi mortar art work developed over time in a modern way. In his 40 (Forty) years of career, he designed under the category of Residential, Commercials, Industrial, Institutional, Recreational and Religious buildings all over Bangladesh Architect A.J.M. Alamgir completed about 373 projects successfully and design 1275 projects in his short life time. He was a kind man and always kept 30% of his income for donation.

Abu Jafar Mohammed Alamgir was born in March 13, 1951 in Comilla, Bangladesh. He is a son of Late Dr. Jalaluddin Ahmed and Saleha Akhtar Begum. He got married with Ar. Selina Afroz Lulu in 1977. He obtained his B-Arch degree from BUET in 1976. He founded ARCHETYPE in 1988 and worked with it till his death. Jamuna Future Park, Silver Tower, landmark, Lutus Kamal Tower, Eunos Trade Center etc. are some mentionable works by Ar. Alamgir.
Greetings from the 21st EC of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh.

It is a great pleasure and honor to me to publish the first issue of IAB Newsletter, the only regular publication of our institute at present. Though it is tiny in volume, the Executive Council gave their priority to maintain its regularity. I personally consider this publication as a responsibility to the members of the Institute.

IAB wishes to publish its Newsletter quarterly. The first issue of it contains some of the news and events of the first quarter of this year. In this period there are some significant events of IAB such as the Installation Ceremony of 21st EC, Indoor games tournaments for the Architects, Meeting with Honorable Speaker, Publication of IAB Directory etc. as well as the regular CPD courses, ‘On Site & At Studio’ event series etc. The 21st EC planned for some more activities but due to the political unrest of this quarter IAB faced hurdles to achieve many of them.

IAB Newsletter is not a media which only speaks for the IAB Executive Council and its activity. It is for all the members of the Institute as well as the architects’ community. Any event or news that is important for this community can be covered by IAB Newsletter. The organizer of event or participants are requested to provide their news to the Newsletter team or IAB office directly. For the first issue I already received news and information of various events to be included in the newsletter from our members. I am very grateful to all of them. I am also glad to get co-operative colleagues beside me in the EC to publish the newsletter. I acknowledge the creative supports of the newsletter team. I hope readers will be kind enough to give their feedback regarding the Newsletter.

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