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## Ar. Bashirul Huq Sharing Stories with the Young

Eminent architect Bashirul Huq shared experiences and anecdotes from his architectural journey with a mostly young audience at the IAB Lecture Series event held on Thursday, 20th August 2015. The event was titled 'Ar. Bashirul Huq : Sharing Stories with the Young'.

Ar. Bashirul Huq started with the stories of his childhood, his studies in Dhaka college and initial days of architecture education in the National College of Arts, Lahore, Pakistan. He talked about how he ended up studying and working in United States being patronized and somewhat financially assisted by the prominent structural engineer Fazlur Rahman Khan. His refusal to work in US to establish own practice in Dhaka was inspirational for young graduates. The architect's friendly discussion on his initial commissions and setting up of his first office sorted - inspired the audience.

Form the stories, Ar. Bashirul Huq moved to discuss some of his projects explaining how he perceives a project from beginning to end considering its context to the foremost. A number of projects including his own residence portrayed his sensitivity to nature, respect to culture and inclination to sustainability. He presented his Chittagong University Ain (law) Bhaban, a recent project in detail explaining how the contour was respected and utilized in the site which is just a kilometer away from Architect Muzharul Islam's iconic Chittagong University complex. The project reflects his ideological stance on environment responsive architecture.

The talk was followed by question answer session which drew insight in the profession of Architecture in our country, architect-client relationship etc. President of Institute of Architects Bangladesh Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed presented a memento to Ar. Huq and thanked him for sparing his time. Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu (Secretary- Seminar and Convention, IAB) moderated the occasion with her natural wit and humor.





## Discussion on **Ar. Charles Correa**

One of the most influential architects of South Asia, Architect Charles Correa passed away on 16 June 2015. Institute of Architects Bangladesh paid homage to the brilliant architect by organizing a discussion on him with prominent local architects and Ar. Partha Ranjan Das from India. Professor Shamsul Wares, Ar. Nahas Ahmed Khalil and Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad were the local invitees. Ar. Partha Das had the opportunity to work with Correa in his City Centre Kolkata project.

The first speaker was Ar. Das. His personal experience with Correa was the key attraction of the speech. He also explained several local (Indian) and international projects focusing on architectural excellence. Professor Shamsul Wares delivered an engaging speech on the phases of Charles Correa's works explaining the tranquility and concepts embedded within. He also explained the state of Indian subcontinent from where Correa had begun his exceptional journey.

Ar. Nahas Ahmed Khalil could not attend in person, but made his presentation through video. He explained Correa from the view point of an architect graduated in early 80s. Ar. Nahas mentioned how the projects of Correa, seen through the then hardly available magazines and books, started to have a footprint in their mind. He also advised students and young graduates about the thin line of what to grasp and what might be subject to avoidance due to different climate and social condition. Starting with the interesting 'Dronacharya-Ekalavya' story, Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad explained some of Correa's projects through slides. His speech was informative and enchanting.



Speakers of the program: Professor Shamsul Wares, Ar. Partha Das and Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad.



Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, the Chief Architect of Department of Architecture, GoB presented crests to the invitees along with a short speech about his personal experience of City Centre, Kolkata. - Secretary- Seminar and Convention of IAB, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu organized and moderated the event. The program was arranged with assistance from Contextbd and was powered by Asian Paints Ltd.



Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, the Chief Architect of Department of Architecture, GoB presenting crests to the speakers



Part of the audience.



### 3rd Event at **VOLUMEZERO LTD.**

The third event of IAB organized On Sites & At Studios series was held on 4th July 2015 at VolumeZero Ltd., the studio of Ar. Mohammad Foyez Ullah.

Participating architects got the opportunity to hear from Ar. Mohammad Foyez Ullah about his design philosophy, visions and methodology and visited two projects designed by the eminent architect.

At the sites, the architect spoke in detail on issues concerning design and construction.

Ar. Asif M Ahsanul Huq, Secretary Heritage & Cultural Affairs, IAB coordinated the program. The event was powered by Asian Paints Ltd.





## "Water Logging in Dhaka : Strategies & Solutions" Organized by Dhaka South City Corporation

Round Table on "Water Logging in Dhaka : Strategies & Solutions" organized by Dhaka South City Corporation in association with IAB, BIP, IEB and Dhaka WASA held on 29th August 2015 at the Seminar Room of Nogor Bhubon.

Hon'ble Mayor of DSCC, Mohammad Sayeed Khokon and Hon'ble Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation Annisul Huq spoke at the beginning of the program.

Keynote speeches were given by Prof. Mujibur Rahman of BUET, Engr. Tanvir Islam of DSCC, Engr. SDM Quamruddin from Dhaka WASA, Engr. Syed Azizul Huq of PWD and Ar. Iqbal Habib of BAPA.

Ar. Qazi M Arif moderated the round table discussion.

On behalf of IAB, Ar. Shaila Joarder, Secretary Environment and Urbanization acted as the Convener of the preparatory committee.





## "Traffic Congestions in Dhaka : Strategies & Solutions"

Organized by Dhaka North City Corporation

A Round Table on "Traffic Congestions in Dhaka : Strategies & Solutions" organized by Dhaka North City Corporation in association with IAB was held 20 September 2015 at Hotel Sarina, Dhaka. IEB and BIP were co-organizers of the event.

Mr. Obaidul Quader, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Bridges, attended the program as the Chief Guest.

Mr. Mashiur Rahman Ranga, Hon'ble Minister of State for LGRD and Hon'ble Mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation Mohammad Sayeed Khokon were the Special Guests.

Hon'ble Mayor of DNCC, Annisul Huq chaired the program and Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, President, IAB, gave the welcome address.

Keynote speeches were given by Prof. Shamsul Huq of BUET, Engr. Moazzem Hossain of BUET, DMP Addl Commissioner Khandaker Faruk and Architect Tanwir Nawaz. The participants included representatives from BRTA, Roads & Highways Division, Bus Owners Association, BAPA, BDCyclists etc.

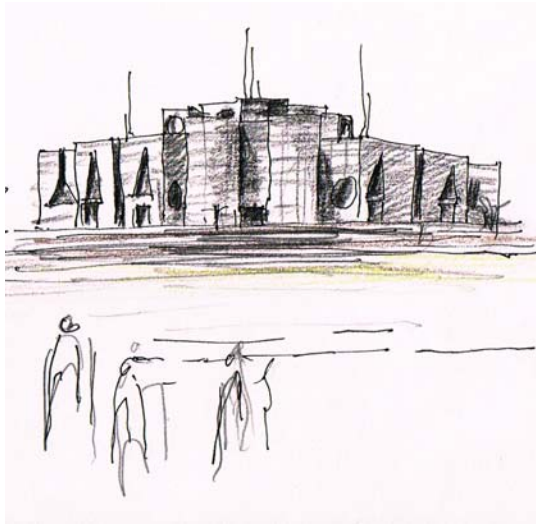
Short, mid and long term strategies were adopted at the end of discussions. DNCC Mayor pledged to initiate immediate steps to implement the short term strategies.

Ar. Qazi M Arif, General Secretary, IAB, moderated the round table discussion. On behalf of IAB, Ar. Shaila Joarder, Secretary Environment and Urbanization acted as the Convenor of the preparatory committee.





## Open Space Workshop With Ar. David Holm



Australian Architect and Churchill Fellow David Holm has conducted this workshop of drawing and recording public places of Dhaka, Bangladesh. The workshop was jointly organized by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh [IAB], University of Technology Sydney [UTS], Australian Institute of Architects [AIA] and Bangladeshi Architects in Australia (BaA), and was run for 7 days in Dhaka Bangladesh. Walking, drawing and recording are carried out according to the structure of public place definition set out in Holm's Churchill Scholarship [public / infrastructure / mercantile and ceremonial places]. This program covered Holm's exploration of public place making in dense urban environments throughout Asia.

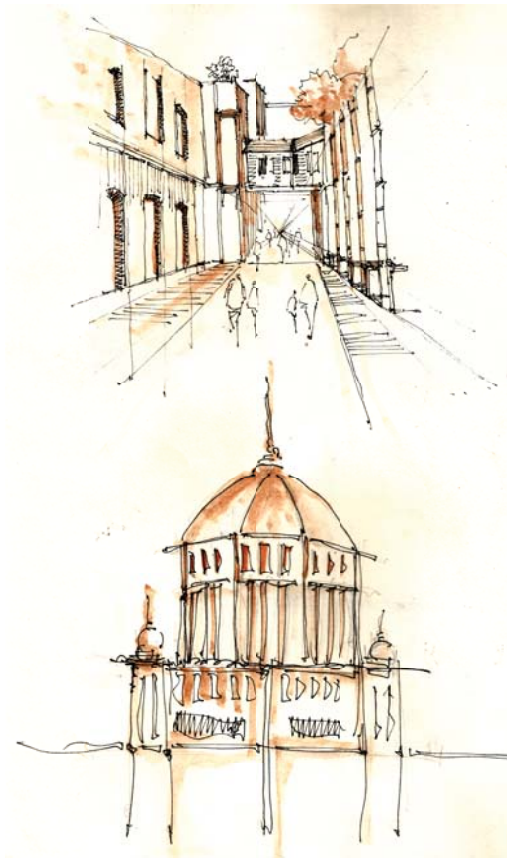
Architect David Holm is an adjunct professor at the UTS School of Architecture. Holm is also a director at one of the largest architectural practices in the Asia-Pacific, Cox Architecture.

Walking through some selected open public spaces of Dhaka, Drawing-Recording and Lectures-Discussions was carried out having Ar. David Holm as the key person.

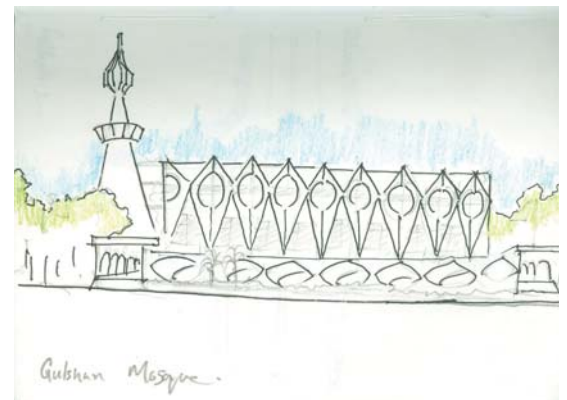
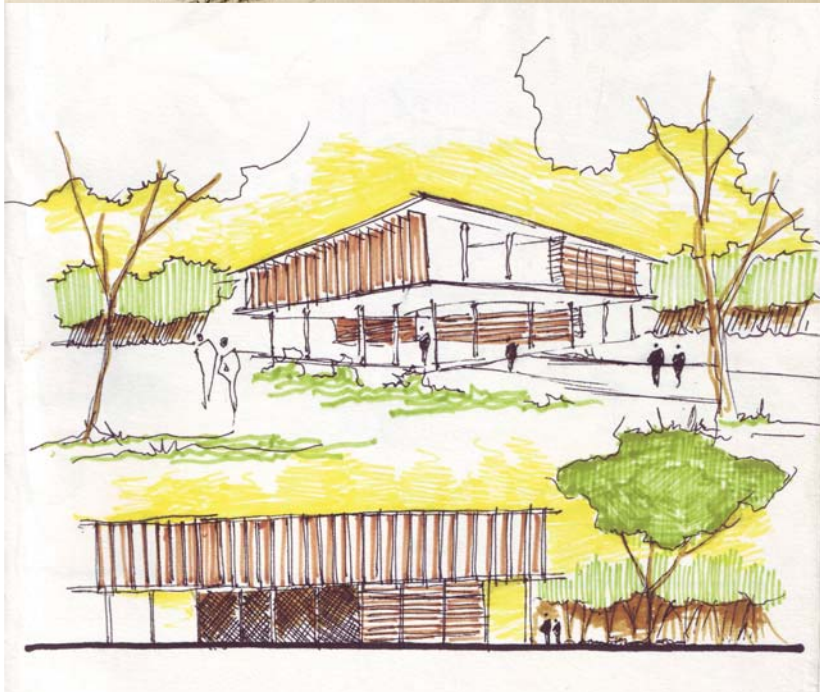
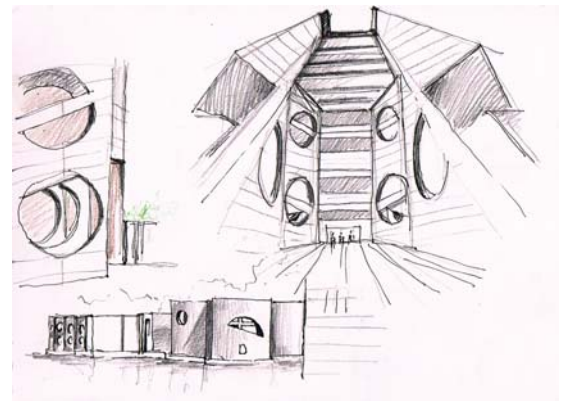
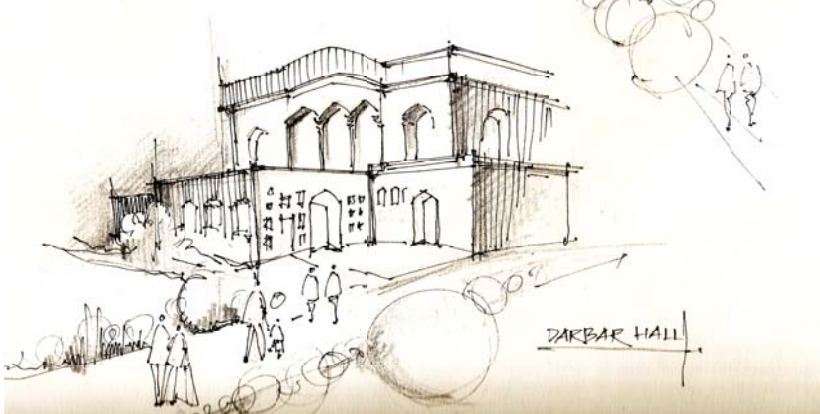
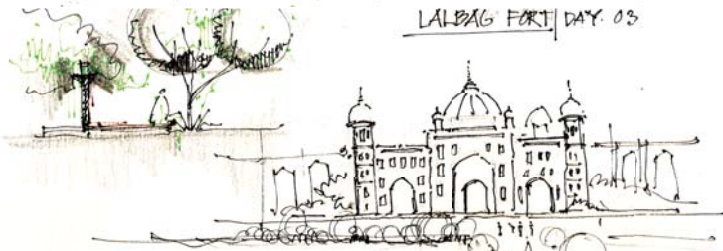
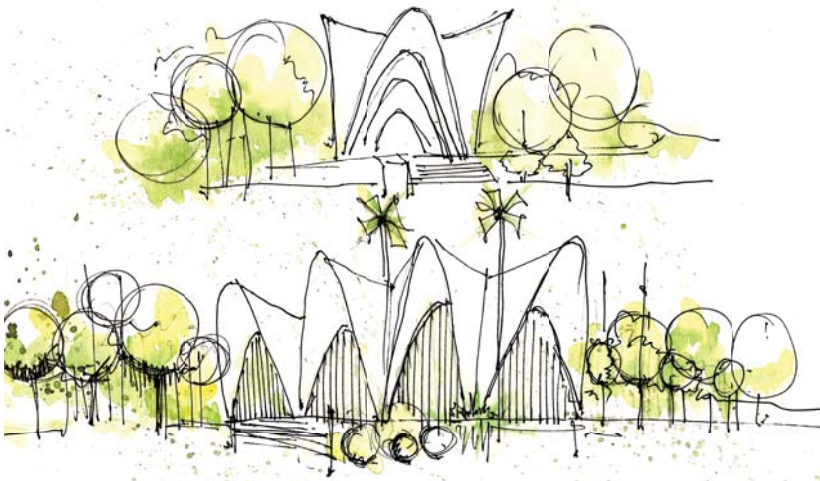
There were 22 participants in the workshop, of whom 10 were Bangladeshi students of architecture from different schools and other 12 participants (students) came from Australia.

Ar. Masud Ur Rashid, Secretary Publications, IAB coordinated the workshop on behalf of IAB with the assistance of Ar. Naimul Aziz. Ar. Farhadur Reza Probal coordinated on behalf of BaA in Dhaka.

[Introductory session of the workshop.](#)







Sketches by the participants of the workshop.



## Ar. Yeafesh Osman is appointed as the Minister of Science & Technology, GoB

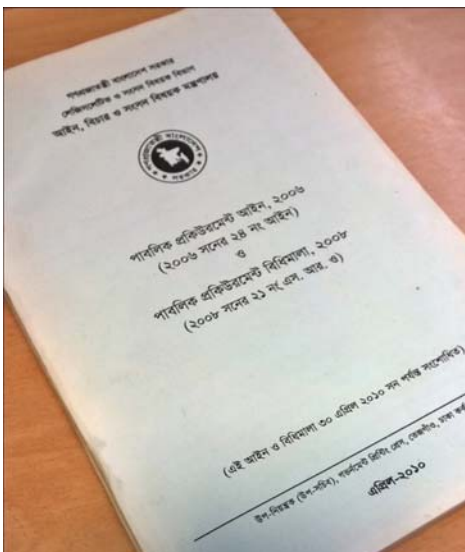
Institute of Architects Bangladesh congratulates its Fellow Ar. Yeafesh Osman [O-001] on his appointment as the Minister of Science & Technology, Government of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh on 14 th July 2015. IAB is also proud of the fact that Ar. Yeafesh Osman was the founding Secretary of IAB.

Ar. Yeafesh Osman who earlier the State Minister in the same ministry, is the first and only architect to serve in the cabinet in history of Bangladesh.

In his illustrious career, freedom fighter Ar. Yeafesh Osman served as an architect in Housing and Settlement Department, Government of Bangladesh from May 1972 to April 1974 and worked as a junior Architect under the celebrated Fazlur Rahman Khan from October 1970 to April 1972. During his professional practice, he worked as the Managing Director of Prakalpa Upadeshta Ltd, a leading architecture and engineering consultancy firm.

IAB wishes Ar. Yeafesh Osman success, good health and long life.

## IAB meets Director General Central Procurement Technical Unit [CPTU] Ministry of Planning, GoB



A five member delegation from IAB led by Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, President, had a meeting with Director General, Central Procurement Technical Unit [CPTU], Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh, on 21 September 2015.

IAB delegation briefed the hon'ble DG about the globally accepted methods of selection of architects and placed proposals for reforms in some parts of the Public Procurement Regulations [PPR] related to Intellectual and & Professional Services.

The hon'ble Director General received the proposals positively and requested IAB for some specific documents, which IAB will provide him shortly.

The IAB delegation included Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Vice President - National, Ar. Qazi M Arif, General Secretary, Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury, Asst. General Secretary and Ar. Rashidul Hasan, Fellow, IAB.



## The Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture 2015

The Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture 2015 was announced in a press briefing on 10 August 2015. Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited (BPBL), in association with Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), arranged a “Meet the Press” program at Lamda Hall of Gulshan Club to announce the commencement of 7th BERGER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE (BAEA). Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, President, IAB, Ar. Ehsan Khan, Award Coordinator, BAEA, Mohsin Habib Chowdhury, Senior General Manager-Marketing & Sales, BPBL, A.K.M. Sadeque Nawaj, General Manager-Marketing, BPBL, spoke at the program.

Since 2003, Berger has been proactively recognizing the talented architects of the country and awarding them for their accomplishments. Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture has created a prestigious national competitive platform where the unique and brilliant architectural projects are highlighted and rewarded. In this bi-annual event, awards are given in 5 different categories - Single Family Residence, Multi Family Residence, Commercial or Mercantile, Industrial and Others. In addition, there were two more categories - Young Architect Award and Lifetime Achievement Award.

At the program, Mr. Sadeque Nawaj welcomed the distinguished guests. Mr. Mohsin Habib Chowdhury reflected on the background of the BAEA and its impact on the field of architecture in Bangladesh. Ar. Ehsan Khan briefed about the detail procedures and schedules of the 7th BAEA competition. Dr. A. Sayeed M. Ahmed highlighted the long term commitment of cooperation between Berger and IAB and called upon the architect community to enthusiastically participate in the competition to make it a success.





## Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscape and Settlement Launched the Fall Sequence of Landscapes and Settlements

The Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes and Settlements began its journey through Fall Sequence as a trans-disciplinary forum to understand, study and Design of the environment at Bengal Center ,Dhaka , on 1st August 2015.The highlights of this August session was Landscapes and Settlements.

The Institute proposes an integrated approach to the arrangement and rearrangement of the environment where focus would be on two interconnected regions of Bangladesh-the Delta and Dhaka. This program was officially announced at 'EngageDhaka 2015', an international Architecture Conference organized by Bengal Foundation.

The Academic Program is structured around a series of seminars, lecture series, and workshop-styled design studios and exhibitions to better understand the possibilities within these areas. This session was conducted by both regional and international faculty members from renowned universities around the world. Professor Kazi Khaleed Ashraf, Assistant Professor Carey Clouse from MIT, Professor Dwijen Sharma, Professor Anuradha Mathur from Pennsylvania, Architect,Planner and Adjunct Professor Dilip Da Cunha from Pennsylvania, Eminent Ar. Salauddin Ahmed, Artist Wakilur Rahman and Landscape Architect Khondaker Hasibul Kabir conducted this session.





## Launching Ceremony of DOT

### A quarterly Magazine on Art and Architecture

DELVISTAA FOUNDATION launched architectural magazine 'DOT' in the evening of Sunday, 20th September 2015. The inaugural ceremony was marked by the presence of luminaries from diversified fields. Other invitees were mostly from the art and architecture community, ranging from veteran architects to students of Architecture from a number of schools.

DOT is a quarterly magazine on art and architecture. The primary aim of the magazine is to highlight the works of Bangladeshi architects and documentation of the same. The inaugural issue featured 21 contents covering art, architecture, photography, article and interview. DOT is edited by the prominent architect, painter, musician and singer Mustapha Khalid Palash.

Honorable Mayor of the Dhaka North City Corporation, Mr. Annisul Huq was the chief guest on the occasion. Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, Prof. Nazrul Islam of CUS, Prof Shamsul Wares, President of IAB Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Chief Architect of Department of Architecture, GoB Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir and prominent artist Monirul Islam graced the program as guests of honour. It all started with the inaugural speech by Ar. Shahzia Islam Anton, publisher of DOT and Director of Delvistaa Foundation. Her graceful speech set the ambiance of the launching event on the right tune. The chief guest along with the Editor, publisher and guests of honor formally unveiled the publication on stage. President of ARCASIA Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand, Immediate Past President Ar. Tan Pei Ing, eminent writer Ranjan Bandyopadhyay from India and artist Kalidas Karmakar sent video recorded greetings from abroad. The event was anchored by Ar. Syeda Tuhin Ara Karim.

Honorable guests delivered their speeches from various points of view with the experience of diversified background. They praised the publication as it had been long missed by the community. It was evident in their speeches that such a noble initiative would remarkably help to showcase the art and architecture of Bangladesh to local and international audience.

Chief Guest, the honorable Mayor, in his speech reminded his promise to build Dhaka as a well-functioning, environment friendly city. He hoped that DOT will play the crucial role of bridging professionals from art and architecture with the city dwellers. He expected that DOT could render a role in increasing social awareness for a better built environment.

The speech by the editor Ar. Mustapha Khalid Palash was illuminated the audience with the aim and objective of DOT, as well as the concept of initiation. The program ended with dinner and cultural program.



## Ar. Nazirul Alam Robin [A-022]

Institute of Architects Bangladesh is deeply saddened to inform the passing away of Ar. Nazirul Alam Robin [A-022] on 31st July 2015 at LabAid Hospital. He was suffering from cancer.



IAB recalls with deep gratitude Ar. Nazirul Alam's contribution when he served in its Executive Committee as Treasurer. He graduated from BUET in 1981. He served in the Dept. of Architecture, Ministry of Housing & Public Works as the Deputy Chief Architect.

Ar. Nazirul Alam's namaz e janaza was held after Esha prayers on the same day and he was laid to rest at Mirpur Graveyard.

## Ar. Hasan Monsur [M 010]

Ar. Hasan Monsur [M 010], Fellow of Institute of Architects Bangladesh, breathed his last at 1.00pm on Saturday, 08th August 2015. He was buried at Azimpur Graveyard.



Ar. Hasan Monsur was one of the most senior members of IAB. He graduated from BUET in 1970.

## Ar. Mirza Khabir Uddin Baig [B-003]

Ar. Mirza Khabir Uddin Baig [B-003], Fellow of Institute of Architects Bangladesh, breathed his last at on Monday, 10th August 2015.



Ar. Mirza Khabir Uddin Baig was graduated from BUET in 1969. One of his sons, Mirza Tarik Hasan, is an architect who graduated from BUET and presently working in USA.

## Ar. Aparesh Das [D-001]

Ar. Aparesh Das [D-001] passed away on 23 September 2015 in Dhaka. Shradhhyo program of late Ar. Aparesh Das was held at Dhakeshwari Temple on Tuesday, 29th September 2015.



Ar. Aparesh Das was a Fellow of Institute of Architects Bangladesh and graduated from BUET in 1968.



EDITORIAL

Greetings from the 21st Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh.

The third issue of IAB Newsletter of the 21st EC contains some of the news and events of the third quarter (July to September) of 2015. IAB arranged two program of lecture series, one program of 'On Sites & At Studios' and one workshop within this period. IAB played significant role in two mentionable roundtable conferences titled "Water Logging in Dhaka : Strategies & Solutions" and "Traffic Congestions in Dhaka : Strategies & Solutions" organized by Dhaka South City Corporation and Dhaka North City Corporation respectively.

As this newsletter is for all the members of the Institute as well as the architects' community, any event or news that is important for architects can be covered by IAB Newsletter. The organizer of event or participants are requested to provide their news to the Editor or IAB office.

I am very grateful to the members of Editorial Board and my colleagues in the EC for their support to publish the newsletter. I am also fortunate to get co-operation from the contributors. I acknowledge the creative supports of the newsletter team. I hope readers will be kind enough to give their feedback regarding the Newsletter just as I received after the previous issues.

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