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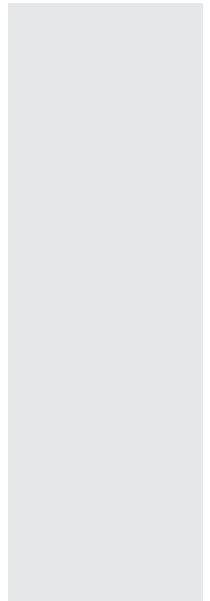
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NOTES FROM EDITOR'S DESK



Dear Members,
Greetings from the IAB Newsletter Publication team!

First and foremost, we extend our sincere apologies for the delay in publishing the first few issues of our newsletter. We understand your anticipation, and we deeply appreciate your patience.

We want to shed some light on the reasons behind this delay. Our journey commenced with sorrow as we faced the loss of our guardian and fellow member. Upon taking charge as the Secretary of Publications, our immediate focus was directed towards strengthening our digital services, which were overdue for an upgrade. The website and membership portal were in dire need of modernization, having been dormant for an extended period.

Additionally, we've made critical graphical adjustments, such as adding copyright notices for the IAB LOGO and chapters, while developing a comprehensive "Brand outline" for the IAB, including our new website and web services.

Excitingly, our first issue is now available, with the second issue following closely. We're dedicated to maintaining a consistent publication schedule, and we're committed to making up for the lost time.

In this new issue, we're excited to introduce a fresh concept devised by our newsletter team. It aims to immerse readers in the experience of a regular newspaper. We believe this approach will enhance your reading experience and engagement.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We're devoted to ensuring your wait was worthwhile and look forward to sharing exciting architectural insights with you.

Please be with us for an exciting journey!

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Ar. Md. Shafiu Azam Shamim
Secretary, Publication & Publicity
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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members,
Greetings from the 25th Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh.

This council started its term in January 2023, following the passing of our beloved past president, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain. January marked a somber period for architects in Bangladesh, compounded by economic challenges and the perceived impact of the forthcoming Detailed Area Plan (DAP).

Our 25th Executive Council aimed for inclusivity and technical focus. Advisory Committees and Task Teams were formed to address various aspects of our profession. We actively sought fresh perspectives from new and younger members.

To enhance our engagement with regulatory bodies and services agencies, we formalized the Institute's structure and introduced legal and business advisory services. We also revamped our web services and initiated digital service upgrades.

Given Bangladesh's vulnerability to disasters, we focused on providing state-of-the-art knowledge. We organized seminars and masterclasses, addressing urban disaster concerns. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses have seen significant participation, with anticipated demand due to the upcoming Bangladesh Building Regulatory Authority requirements.

In essence, the 25th Executive Council started its first quarter committed to strengthening the Institute and supporting its members in these dynamic times.

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Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed
President
25th Executive Council

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A TRIBUTE TO A PATRIOT AND VISIONARY



Bangladesh mourns the loss of a true patriot and visionary, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain passed away on January 2nd 2023, around 1:30 am at Bangladesh Specialized Hospital, Shyamoli, Dhaka. We remember his remarkable life and contributions.

Ar. Hussain was not only a valiant freedom fighter but also an eminent architect and served as President of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) an impressive five times including the 15th Executive Council (2003-2005), 17th Executive Council (2007-2009), 18th Executive Council (2009-2011), 19th Executive Council

(2011-2013) and 24th Executive Council (2021-2022). In addition, he served as the President of Architects Regional Council, Asia or ArcAsia in 2009-10. In 2012 he was elected President of the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA).

Ar. Mubasshar Hussain awarded "IAB Gold Medal 2018" for his life time work.

Inna-Lillahi wa Inna Ilaihi Raziun.

Ar. Mubasshar Hussain's passing is a loss for the entire nation. As we bid farewell, may his legacy remind us to strive for excellence, uphold our values, and work towards a better future

for Bangladesh.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

A REMARKABLE ACT OF GENEROSITY

AR. MUBASSHAR HUSSAIN'S LASTING LEGACY



In a poignant gesture of profound generosity and compassion, the late Ar. Mubassar Hussain, on January 4, 2023, fulfilled his noble intention by bequeathing his remains to the Department of Anatomy at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. This selfless act serves as a testament to his lifelong commitment to the welfare of society and people.

Ar. Mubassar Hussain's legacy is not only marked by his architectural accomplishments but also by his unwavering dedication to the betterment of humanity. Even after his passing, he continued to contribute to the welfare of society through this remarkable donation. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Md. Sharfuddin Ahmed graciously received the remains of the late

architect from his children, symbolizing the beginning of a journey that would transcend beyond life. The head of the anatomy department, along with the faculty and students, under the leadership of Laila Arjumand, pledged to uphold the utmost respect and sanctity in the use of these remains for anatomical research.

Ar. Mubassar Hussain's act of donating his remains for the advancement of medical knowledge and research embodies immense magnanimity and generosity. It reflects a deep-seated belief in the welfare of humanity, transcending the boundaries of life itself.

As we remember and pay tribute to the late Ar. Mubassar Hussain, let us reflect on the profound impact of his actions.



His selflessness and enduring legacy serve as an inspiration for us all, reminding us of the enduring power of generosity and compassion.

Our humble respect and love go out to this late architect, whose final act of giving will continue to benefit humanity and inspire others to contribute to the greater good, even beyond their lifetime.

A NEW BEGINNING

25TH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING



On January 10, 2023, the newly elected 25th Executive Council of the Bangladesh Institute of Architects convened for its first official meeting at the IAB Center, under the leadership of IAB President Architect Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed. This first meeting commenced with a moment of remembrance for the late Architect Mubasshar Hussain, a former president of the institute.

During this inaugural meeting, each council member presented their action plans and engaged in detailed discussions. The diverse perspectives and shared dedication among council members highlighted their commitment to driving positive change within the institute.

The meeting marked a significant moment of reflection and anticipation for the institute's future. It demonstrated the council's unity and determination to uphold the institute's values and advance its mission.

The 25th Executive Council's first meeting sets the stage for a promising future in the world of architecture in Bangladesh. Stay tuned for updates as this dynamic council works to shape the architectural landscape of our nation.

Participants of the meetings were Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, President, Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, Vice-President (National Affairs), Ar. Khan Md. Mahfuzul Huq, Vice-President (International

Relations), Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan, General Secretary, Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, Assistant General Secretary, Ar. Mir Md. Naian Sakib, Treasurer, Ar. Dr. Md. Nawrose Fatemi, Secretary, Education, Ar. Md. Nazmul Haq Bulbul, Secretary, Profession Ar. Ahsanul Haque Rubel, Secretary, Membership, Ar. Md. Shafiul Azam Shamim, Secretary, Publication & Publicity Ar. Sabrina Aftab, Secretary, Seminar & Convention, Ar. Mohammed Ziaul Sharif, Secretary, Heritage & Culture Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan, Secretary, Environment & Urbanization Ar. Ashiq Imran, Chairman, Chittagong Chapter.

BANGLADESH INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS RECOMMENDS KEY CHANGES TO ECPS



The Electronic Construction Permitting System (ECPS) recently launched by the Capital Development Authority (RAJUK) has received recommendations from the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). In a workshop held on March 16, 2023, IAB, in collaboration with RAJUK, discussed crucial aspects of ECPS.

One significant proposal from IAB suggests introducing a “Provisional Architectural Approval” step between “Land Use Clearance (LUC)” and “Construction Permit (CP)” to prevent redundant re-submissions in case of CP rejection. IAB emphasized the role of the architect as the main coordinator throughout the project but called for a clear delineation of responsibilities. They also suggested maintaining a “Rejection Database” to list reasons for design and permit rejections and a mechanism for reporting unclear rejections.



The recommendations advocate reducing manual interventions and ensuring digital signatures for accountability, while also providing specific guidelines on various aspects, such as drawing size, project naming, and passwords.

IAB expressed its willingness to support RAJUK in implementing these changes, highlighting the importance of professional guidance and control. The proposed modifications aim to streamline the ECPS process, making it more accessible and efficient for architects and consultants while maintaining high standards of design and construction.

INSTALLATION

IAB 11TH CHATTOGRAM CHAPTER

Oath Taking Ceremony of the newly elected 11th Committee of IAB, Chattogram Chapter was held on 19th January 2023 at the Sports Complex (2nd Floor), the Chittagong Club Ltd. IAB Chattogram Chapter Chairman Ar. Ashiq Imran presided over the occasion.

Prof. Dr. Anupam Sen, Vice-Chancellor, Premier University, Chattogram was present as the Chief Guest and Ar. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, President, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) was present as the Special Guest and administered the oath to the newly elected members of the 11th Chapter Committee of IAB, Chattogram Chapter. Veteran Ar. Ahmad Jinnur Chowdhury and Ex. Town Planner of CDA Ar. Md. Shahinul



Islam Khan, Ar. Kanu Kumar Das, 25th Executive Council of AB and many architects were present the occasion. After the Oath Taking Ceremony reminisced memories of late Ar.

Mubasshar Hussain, Immediate Past President, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) was delivered by Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, Past President, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB).

IAB'S IT & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE SETS THE STAGE FOR A DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

IAB's IT & Digital Technologies Committee Sets the Stage for a Digital Transformation

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) recently launched its IT & Digital Technologies Committee, signalling a shift towards a more digitally-driven organization. Chaired by Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, the committee aims to modernize IAB's digital landscape and improve member benefits.

Embracing Digital Advancements:

President outlined plans to revamp IAB's digital infrastructure while focusing on member advantages. This strategic approach will bring IAB into the

digital age, offering valuable digital resources and services.

Short-Term and Long-Term Planning:

During the meeting, committee members discussed short-term and long-term planning. Key topics included website modernization, NFC cards with digital wallets, online voting, a fab-lab with advanced equipment, a digital library, Rajuk's electronic plan submission, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), and technical aspects in membership examinations.

The committee, comprising dedicated members, will play a pivotal role in driving these digital

initiatives forward:

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Ar. Md. Mizanur Rahman
Ar. Irteza Ameen
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Mr. Raisul Kabir
Mr. Ashek Mahmood
As member secretary, Ar. Md. Shafiqul Azam Shamim, Secretary (Publication & Publicity)
IAB's IT & Digital Technologies Committee is set to usher in an era of innovation and convenience for members. These digital initiatives will shape the future of architectural practices and services within IAB.

SONA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2023

SHAPING CITY IDENTITIES THROUGH ARCHITECTURE



The SONA International Convention 2023 highlighted the crucial role of architecture in shaping modern cities. The event brought together distinguished architects and leaders from various countries, fostering valuable discussions and collaborations.

Esteemed individuals from Bangladesh, including Ar. Khan Md. Mahfuzul Huq (Vice-President, IAB) and Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid (Assistant General Secretary, IAB), participated in the convention on behalf of IAB.

At the convention, Thirilogachandran S. of TLC Architects expressed interest in offering internship opportunities

to young architects from Bangladesh. This will create cross-border opportunities and benefit Bangladeshi architects. The event also facilitated discussions with the Japan Institute of Architects, strengthening international ties.

SAARCH Revival Meeting:

On January 18th, representatives from 7 South Asian countries and the Society of Nepalese Architects held a SAARCH revival meeting with the President of UIA and ARCASIA and other office bearers. They discussed regional architectural matters.

The ACGSA, ACPP, and ACYA held round table meetings from January 18th to 20th to discuss

sustainability, professional practices, and the future of young architects in the region.

The 2023 SONA International Convention was a huge success, bringing together architects to discuss the evolving role of architecture in shaping modern cities. The event facilitated cross-border initiatives, collaborations, and discussions, signifying a promising future for the architectural community.

We anticipate positive outcomes from these interactions and await architecture's future developments. Stay tuned for updates on these exciting endeavors.

REMEMBERING BV DOSHI

A PIONEER IN ARCHITECTURE

With deep sadness, we mourn the loss of BV Doshi, an architectural legend and a pioneer of modern architecture in India. Renowned architect Balakrishna Doshi (26 August 1927 – 24 January 2023) left an indelible mark on both Indian and global architecture. His passing at the age of 95 is a profound loss to the architectural world.

Doshi's contributions were celebrated with several prestigious awards, including the Pritzker Prize in 2018, RIBA's Royal Gold Medal in 2021, and India's Padma Shri in 1976. Doshi's architecture was groundbreaking, challenging

norms, and creating sustainable, culturally relevant structures. Notable projects include Aranya Low-Cost Housing and the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore.

Beyond his designs, BV Doshi served as a mentor and inspiration to countless architects and designers, embodying humility and dedication in his profession. We extend our condolences to BV Doshi's family and loved ones. His architectural legacy inspires us to push boundaries, address societal needs, and create impactful spaces. Let's keep his vision alive and shape the future of architecture.



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Architect
Balkrishna
Vitaldas
Doshi
(1927-2023)

We Mourn

EMPOWERING ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION

THE BIRTH OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION

The 25th Executive Council (EC) of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) launched the "Board of Architectural Education (BoAE)" on March 18, 2023. BoAE is set to reshape architectural education in Bangladesh, focusing on accreditation, advocacy, and continuous improvement.

Key Objectives and Leadership:

Accreditation: BoAE will ensure rigorous quality standards for architectural programs.

Advocacy: It is committed to the growth and development of

architects.

Continuous Improvement: BoAE will work tirelessly to enhance architectural education continually.

Meet the Visionaries:

BoAE comprises seven members, including representatives from the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission (UGC). Alongside them are experienced academicians from both public and private architecture schools.

Meet the Board:

Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyaad (Chairman), Ar. A B M Mahbubul Malik, Ar. Ziaul Islam, Ar.



Moushumi Ahmed, Md Maksudur Rahman Bhuiyan, Ar. Dr. Md. Nawrose Fatemi (Member Secretary). The establishment of BoAE demonstrates IAB's dedication to excellence and a promising future for architectural education in Bangladesh, fostering growth, innovation, and professionalism.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF ARCHITECTURAL MEMBERSHIP

INAUGURAL MEETING OF IAB'S MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE



On February 27, 2023, a significant and exciting development, IAB's Membership Advisory Committee held its first meeting on February 27, 2023. Chaired by Ar. Prof. Mohammad Ali Naqi, Vice President of the 25th Executive Council, this gathering aimed to refine the membership examination system. The committee's Member Secretary, Ar. Ahsanul Haque Rubel, who also serves as the Membership Affairs Secretary of the 25th Executive Council, presented a comprehensive overview of the current membership examination system. He highlighted the committee's action plan and

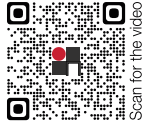
provided insights into the timely project proposed by IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, aimed at evolving and enhancing the examination structure and its implementation.

The meeting witnessed the active participation of several key figures, including General Secretary Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan, Secretary (Profession) Ar. Nazmul Haque Bulbul, and Secretary (Education) Ar. Dr. Md. Nawrose Fatemi, discussed the proposed changes. The committee comprises dedicated members, including, Ar. Abul Hasnat Fuad, Ar. Mustasim

Mahmood Khan, Ar. Md. Ali Asraf Dewan, Ar. M Wahid Asif, Ar. Md. Sharif Hossain, Ar. Kawsary Perveen, Ar. Amit Kumar Saha, Ar. Abu Sayeed Md. Kamrul Islam, Ar. Ahmed Firoz Ul Haque, Ar. Fariah Sharmeen Akbar, Ar. Ruqun Uddin Bhuiya, Ar. Shamrose Afrin, Ar. Md. Shahnewaj Abdullah, Ar. Kamrul Hasan. Members discussed proposed changes to membership exams and learned about the Examination Board's scope and objectives, marking a promising step for the future of Bangladeshi architects.

AN INTERACTIVE SESSION

এ 'নগর' লইয়া কী করিবো?



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On March 12, 2023, the President of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, and Honorable Minister Mr. Mohammad Tajul Islam from the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development, and Cooperatives, led a discussion on urban challenges.

The event organised by Ekattor Television on virtual platform, addressed urban challenges and emphasized integrated management by consolidating regulatory agencies responsible for city planning.

Highlights:

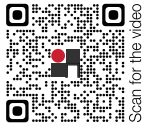
Integrated Management: Dr. Ahmed emphasized streamlining decision-making and enhancing accountability through unified regulatory agency integration.

Planning for Growth: Minister Islam stressed planning for population growth and learning from global experiences. This interactive session underscored the partnership between government and architectural leaders in shaping sustainable and resilient cities for the future.



PROMOTING FIRE SAFETY AND STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

A VISIT TO DHAKA MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL



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On March 29, 2023, Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed and Major (Retd.) AKM Shakeel Nawaz attended an online session about "Hospitals at Risk of Fire or Earth quake" hosted by Ekattor TV. They discussed fire safety and structural issues, based on their visit to Dhaka Medical College.

On March 27, 2023, a delegation from the Fire Service & National Security Agency visited Dhaka Medical College Hospital and identified fire safety risks and structural deficiencies in aging buildings.

Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, who is also the President of IAB, emphasized the need for integrated

management to ensure that structural defects do not compromise fire safety. He suggested that retrofitting is possible with the right approach and management. Dr. Ahmed stressed the need for building and facility management authorities in Dhaka. These authorities would ensure safer and better-functioning buildings under regulation oversight. Buildings in Dhaka are often repurposed to meet market demand. However, conversion requires a "closed loop" approach with a responsible authority ensuring safety, integrity, and compliance.

Dr. Ahmed proposes conducting architectural audits to identify limitations before approving new



uses, while Major Nawaz calls for fire safety law updates. Visit to Dhaka Medical College Hospital emphasizes government-architect cooperation for city safety.

IN BANGLADESH

MARINA TABASSUM ARCHITECTS

SHOWCASED IN MUNICH EXHIBITION

On February 8, 2023, Marina Tabassum's architectural work will be showcased at the TUM's Architecture Museum in Munich. The exhibit will include her award-winning Bait-ur-Roof Mosque, marking a significant achievement in her career.

The opening ceremony was graced by esteemed guests, including Prof. Dr. Andres Lepik (Director of the Architectural Museum) at TUM, Prof. Dr. Juliane Winkelmann (Senior Vice President for International Alliances and Alumni), Ar. Diébédo Francis Kéré (TUM Professor of Architectural Design and Participation), and Farrokh Derakhshani (Director of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture). Of course, Marina Tabassum herself was in attendance, along with Vera Simone Bader (Curator of Pinakothek der Moderne).



The event also saw the participation of several accomplished architects from Bangladesh as invited, such as Ar. Md Arman Abedin (Director of Design and Execution, F.A.C.E.), Ar. Shahriar Mahmud, Ar. Asif Salman, Ar. Md Shafiu Azam Shamim (Director of Finance and Grant, FA.C.E.), and Ar. Fariah Sharmin Akbar

(General Secretary, F.A.C.E.). The exhibition coincides with the launch of the book "Marina Tabassum, Architecture: My Journey." This exhibition and book are a tribute to Marina Tabassum's transformative architectural contributions, inspiring architects and art enthusiasts alike.

NURTURING THE FUTURE

IAB ALUMNI FORUM TAKES FLIGHT

On March 23, 2023, the inaugural meeting of The School Alumni Forum (IAB-ASAF) marked a visionary beginning. Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, Advisor to IAB-ASAF, joined the gathering. Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, President of the 25th Executive Council, and Ar. Dr. Md. Nawrose Fatemi, Secretary-Education of the 25th Executive Council, were instrumental in this event. The meeting was graced by the participation of distinguished members of IAB-ASAF, including Ar. Shah Md Ahsan Shawkat, Ar. Md. Arifur Islam/ Md. Arifur Rahman, Ar. S. M. Nazimuddin, Ar. Kamrul Hasan, Ar. Proddut Basak, Ar. Md. Wali Ullah, Ar. M. Mohiuddin, Ar. Mahbub Hossain, Ar. Md. Maruf Shihan Sunny, Ar.



Md. Mahbubur Hossain, Ar. Amran Hasan, Talha Mahmud Dipta, Ar. Md. Rashed Hasan, Ar. Archisman Das, Ar. Ahmed Sifat, Ar. TASNIA SIDDIQUE CHOWDHURY. Distinguished members of IAB-ASAF participated, discussing the forum's formation, hierarchy, responsibilities and plans.

IAB-ASAF's objective is to unite architecture departments of IAB-accredited universities, fostering development in architectural education and the profession. This "Introductory Meeting" was a significant step in realizing this vision, promising to shape the future of architecture in Bangladesh.

DAP NAVIGATING THE IMPLICATIONS

IAB's Proactive Approach to Address the Implications of Detail Area Plan (2022-35) In the wake of the enforcement of the Detail Area Plan (DAP 2022-35) in August 2022, addressing the consequences and fostering positive engagement with relevant stakeholders and agencies became a top priority for the 25th Executive Council (EC) of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). Recognizing the importance of mending fences and building bridges, IAB diligently embarked on this mission to create a conducive environment for constructive dialogue on DAP (2022-35).

Following the implementation of DAP, RAJUK established a DAP

Working Group to explore the seven points submitted by IAB. In a significant move, President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed and Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan, the Secretary of Environment and Urbanization were nominated as IAB's representatives in this working group. It was also communicated to RAJUK that members of the previous DAP Working Group of IAB could join the team to ensure continuity and a seamless transition.

Under the guidance of the EC, IAB initiated a Google Form to collect valuable opinions and comments from its members. To further enhance member engagement, on March 9th, an in-person meeting was held at

the IAB Center. This meeting facilitated a robust discussion on the impact of DAP and provided a platform for members to share their insights and concerns. IAB's proactive and inclusive approach in addressing the implications of DAP (2022-35) underscores its commitment to promoting meaningful dialogue, ensuring the interests of its members, and contributing to the development and implementation of policies that shape the architectural landscape. This endeavor highlights the collective dedication of IAB in safeguarding the architectural profession and its continuous pursuit of excellence.

100 HOMES: COMMITMENT TO SOCIETY

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), after years of being a respected professional organization, is taking a transformative step to address the housing needs of the rural poor in the country. Despite architects' significant contributions, many primarily serve the elite class, leaving the majority of the population underserved. This disregard for the housing and architecture of 90% of the population has seeped into institutional policies and university curriculum. A glaring disparity exists between the housing support available for the urban elite, with numerous public and private institutions, and the rural population's lack of access to affordable housing solutions.

Recognizing this disparity, IAB has launched an initiative to build 100 basic houses for the rural poor, demonstrating its commitment to society and humanity. The project's objectives are multifaceted, aiming to provide shelter for the homeless, engage young architects in supporting rural



communities, and foster hands-on knowledge of vernacular architecture. The project will be gradually implemented in each of Bangladesh's eight administrative divisions, considering the diverse landscapes, cultures, and traditions that enrich the nation's heritage. Alongside the central activity in Dhaka, IAB chapters in divisions like Chattogram, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet will participate.

To enhance the project's success, architectural schools with accredited B.Arch programs will participate. They will offer design expertise,

technical support, and hands-on learning opportunities for students. In addition to architects, other technical professionals will also play a vital role in ensuring the Hundred Homes for Rural Poor project's success.

This community-based initiative strives to design and build sustainable, affordable housing for low-income families, reinforcing architects' social responsibility and dedication to the welfare of the underprivileged. Join us in this meaningful journey to make a real difference in the lives of the rural poor and contribute to a more equitable society.

IAB SHINES A LIGHT ON ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE

CPD COURSE ON BASIC LIGHTING AND BUILDING AUTOMATION



The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) is dedicated to nurturing architectural excellence and professional development. IAB conducted a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) course titled "Basic Lighting and Building Automation" on 18 January 2023.

Meet the Experts:

Tawhid Amanullah - Architect & Lighting Designer at Dot-Line-Visions (DLV), Stockholm, Sweden: With a background in architecture, lighting design, and sustainable infrastructure, Tawhid brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the course.
Humayoun Uddin - Project Manager, Electrical & Telecommunication, AFRY, Division Infrastructure AB, Stockholm, Sweden:

Humayoun's expertise in electrical and telecommunications engineering adds a valuable dimension to the course.

Unlocking the Power of Lighting: This CPD course explores the crucial relationship between light, architecture, and human experiences. It delves into the impact of lighting on well-being, sustainability, ergonomics, and urban architectural contexts.

Key Takeaways:

Enhancing Well-Being: Learn how lighting affects human well-being, productivity, and comfort.

Sustainability:

Discover how lighting design can contribute to energy efficiency and reduce CO2 emissions.

Ergonomics:

Explore the impact of lighting on the ergonomics of various environments.

Urban and Architectural Context:

Gain essential knowledge about the growing importance of quality lighting design in urban and architectural settings.

This course enriches professionals' architectural skills and aligns with IAB's commitment to architectural excellence. Join us on this enlightening journey towards a brighter architectural future!

TRADITION AND TRANSITION OATH TAKING AND FAREWELL

On February 4, 2023, a significant event took place at the IAB Center hosted the oath-taking ceremony for the newly elected 25th Executive Council and bid farewell to the outgoing 24th Executive Council. The chief guest, Senior Ar. Prof. Meer Mobashsher Ali graced the occasion.

The event brought together the 25th Executive Council, the outgoing 24th Executive Council, former officeholders, Election Commissioners from the IAB Election 2022, Honorable IAB Fellows, and Member Architects.

The evening began with a tribute to the late former President, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, followed by a minute of silence to commemorate his contributions.

The 25th Executive Council members took their oath, administered by Ar. Prof. Meer Mobashsher Ali, emphasizing their commitment to their roles. Architect Ali delivered an inspiring speech and received a memento from the IAB President.

Farewell to the 24th Executive Council:

The outgoing 24th Executive Council was honored with a farewell reception, receiving mementoes from IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid spoke on their behalf. The event acknowledged the contributions of the Honorable Election Commissioners from the IAB Election 2022, with Chief Election Commissioner Ar. Md. Anwar Hossain speaking on their behalf.

IAB General Secretary Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan expressed gratitude to all attendees. The event concluded with a melodious performance and a delightful feast.

The Oath Taking and Farewell



event at IAB celebrated tradition and transition, uniting architects and professionals. It marked a promising start for the 25th

Executive Council and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the 24th Executive Council. This event showcased unity and

commitment within Bangladesh's architectural community.



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STRENGTHENING BANGLADESH'S BUILDING RESILIENCE A LEAP IN RETROFITTING TECHNOLOGY

In a crucial step toward fortifying Bangladesh's infrastructure against seismic threats, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh facilitated a two-day e-training program on Seismic Retrofitting Technology from January 27 to 28, 2023 with a Retrofitting Technology Dissemination Project in Bangladesh (RDBP).

Urgency in Seismic Preparedness:

Bangladesh is located in a highly active seismic zone, making it vulnerable to earthquakes. Historical earthquakes have left

lasting impacts, and rapid urbanization has led to haphazard development. Recognizing the imminent threat of earthquakes and the need for realistic damage assessments, seismic retrofitting is vital.

Importance of Retrofitting:

Many buildings in Bangladesh were constructed before building codes gained significance. Retrofitting existing structures is crucial to create safer cities. The adoption of retrofitting design aligns with the Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC) and enhances resilience.

Expertise and Training:

Japanese trainers from the Retrofit Expert Team (RET) brought their profound knowledge to the training. Their insights, combined with local efforts, empower Bangladesh to enhance its infrastructure's resilience. This e-training program lays a crucial foundation for Bangladesh's journey toward seismic preparedness. By embracing seismic retrofitting, we fortify our cities, protect lives, and safeguard our infrastructure. Together, we build a safer and more resilient Bangladesh.

ENHANCING FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS IN BANGLADESH THROUGH EXPERT TRAINING

To meet the urgent need for better fire safety in Bangladesh, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh is facilitating specialized training on February 4, 2023, in collaboration with the Retrofitting Technology Dissemination Project in Bangladesh (RDPB). This training aims to empower professionals and stakeholders with essential skills for effective fire protection in existing buildings.

Expert trainers from Japan, supported by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism (MoLIT), will lead the training. The Retrofit Expert

Team (RET) from RDPB, Japanese building experts specializing in Fire Safety Design, will share their valuable insights.

Training Objectives:

This course addresses the inadequate fire safety measures in Bangladeshi cities due to rapid urbanization, resulting in increased fire incidents.

Key objectives are:

- Understanding the causes of insufficient fire safety measures.
- Focusing on fire protection for existing buildings.
- Promoting compliance with the Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC) fire safety

standards.

The Training personnel were Dr. Jun Matsuo (RET Leader), Dr. Taku Shimada (RET Member), Ms. Rasmin Akter Jui (Project Architect of RDPB) and Tarafder Abu Mahmud (Moderator).

This initiative is a significant step towards enhancing fire safety awareness in Bangladesh. By equipping professionals with the knowledge and tools for effective fire protection, it aims to prevent future incidents, saving lives and property.

ENLIGHTENING THE ARCHITECTURAL LANDSCAPE

IAB'S LECTURE ON "NET-ZERO, EMBODIED CARBON, AND SUSTAINABLE BUILDING MATERIALS"



The 25th Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) demonstrated its dedication to advancing sustainability within the architectural community with a noteworthy lecture on "Architecture and Environment." Held on February 23, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the IAB Center, the event tackled the essential topics of "Net-Zero, Embodied Carbon, and Sustainable Building Materials."

The event featured the renowned Dr. Eshrar Latif, Associate Professor at the Welsh School of Architecture, Cardiff University, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Latif's expertise encompasses

sustainable building materials, net-zero energy design, and embodied carbon, making him a leading authority in architecture and sustainability.

Dr. Eshrar Latif's presentation delved into the intricate aspects of sustainable architecture, covering net-zero energy concepts aiming to balance consumption and production. He emphasized the importance of reducing embodied carbon in building materials, offering architects a pathway to a more environmentally conscious future. The lecture not only informed but also inspired the attendees, with practical approaches to infuse

sustainability into projects. Attendees learned about innovative materials and design strategies to reduce the carbon footprint of buildings.

This successful inaugural lecture marks the start of an exciting journey. The 25th Executive Council of IAB remains committed to organizing further presentations as part of the "Architecture and Environment" series. These upcoming talks will delve deeper into the interplay between architecture and the environment, enriching sustainable architectural practices with fresh perspectives and knowledge.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION MEETING ON HOSSEINI DALAN RESTORATION



A significant meeting of the Urban Development Committee's sub-committee took place on March 5, 2023, under Rule 34 of the "Dhaka Metropolitan Building (Construction, Development, Preservation, and Removal) Rules, 2008." Led by Ar. Professor Dr. Khandakar Shabbir Ahmed, President of the 25th Executive Council of the Bangladesh Institute of Architects (BIA), this gathering focused on the preservation and renovation of the historic Hosseini Dalan.

Hosseini Dalan, or the IMAMBARA, is a revered Shia shrine in Bakshi Bazar, Dhaka, dating back to the 17th century during the Mughal period. It stands as a tribute to the martyrdom of Hussain bin Ali, the grandson of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

The meeting featured active participation from key stakeholders: Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, serving as the convener of the sub-committee. Ar. Dr. Abu Saeed M. Ahmed, representing the Directorate of Archaeology. Representatives from the Bangladesh Institute of Planners, Bangladesh Institute of Engineers, and the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. Focused Discussions and Decisions:

The meeting served as a platform for focused discussions and critical decisions concerning Hosseini Dalan's preservation and restoration. Deliberations spanned architectural conservation, historical significance, and the protection of cultural heritage.

Preserving our cultural heritage is a testament to our commitment to honor and safeguarding our history. The sub-committee's meeting reflects a collective dedication to ensuring that Hosseini Dalan's historical and cultural significance endures for future generations.

Together, we can preserve this iconic shrine as a symbol of our heritage for generations to come.

REDISCOVERING HISTORY

THE RESTORATION OF MUGHAL HAMMAM KHANA



In 22 March 2021, a remarkable journey began—the restoration of the Mughal Hammam Khana at the Lalbagh Fort in Old Dhaka. Funded by the US Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP), this project was a testament to the commitment to preserving Bangladesh's rich heritage and celebrating its milestones.

A Historical Treasure:

The Mughal Hammam Khana, dating back to the 17th century, is one of the primary structures within the Lalbagh Fort complex. Its historical significance cannot be overstated, and its restoration was a labor of love and dedication.

The US Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) is a beacon of cultural preservation worldwide. This initiative received a grant of \$185,933 (Tk2 crore) to restore and

architecturally document the Hammam Khana, making it accessible to the public once more.

The project was initiated to mark multiple jubilees: Bangladesh's 50th year of independence, the centenary of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and the golden jubilee of US-Bangladesh friendship. It was a symbol of collaboration and cultural celebration.

Before the restoration, the beauty of the Hammam Khana was hidden beneath layers of botched restoration efforts. Original crafts and designs lay concealed behind plaster and concrete. This project sought not only to restore but also to open up the second floor to the public after years of being sealed.

The restoration journey spanned two years, culminating in a grand

closing ceremony on March 22, 2023. US Ambassador to Bangladesh Peter Haas and State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid, MP, unveiled the restored Hammam Khana, breathing new life into this historical treasure.

This monumental endeavor was made possible through the dedication of Project Director Chandan Kumar Dey and the expertise of project consultants Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, Dr. T M J Nilan Cooray (conservation architect), and Dr. AK M Shah Nawaz (Medieval specialist). The restoration of the Mughal Hammam Khana stands as a testament to the commitment to preserving cultural heritage for future generations and celebrating the rich history of Bangladesh.

The Restoration of Mughal Hammam Khana
Photographer: Ar. Asif Salman
Feature: Team IAB Newsletter.





CELEBRATING ARCHITECT MARINA TABASSUM KNIGHTED BY FRANCE FOR ART AND LETTERS

Ar. Marina Tabassum Awarded
"Chevalier dans l'ordre des Arts
et des Letters"

On the 19th of March 2023, Architect Marina Tabassum, a luminary in the world of architecture, was honored with the prestigious title of "Chevalier dans l'ordre des Arts et des Letters" by the Republic of France. The ceremony, held in the presence of distinguished guests and prominent architects from Bangladesh, saw H.E. Mrs. Marie MASDUPUY, Ambassador of France to Bangladesh, bestowing this esteemed award.

A Recognition of Cultural Contributions:

The "Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters" is a title established in 1957 by the French Government, and it's presented to individuals who have made remarkable contributions to literature, music, film, theatre, visual arts, and various cultural domains. This honor places Architect Marina Tabassum in the esteemed company of global icons like Bob Dylan, Meryl Streep, Patti Smith, David Bowie, and Philip Glass. Ar. Marina Tabassum has left an indelible mark on the world of architecture with her innovative designs and unwavering commitment to pushing boundaries. Her work is not only a testament to architectural brilliance but also a reflection of her dedication to cultural enrichment through the built environment.

This recognition not only honors Ar. Marina Tabassum's exceptional talent and dedication also underscores the power of architecture in bridging cultures and fostering artistic expression.



We congratulate Architect Marina Tabassum on this well-deserved honor and look forward to witnessing her continued contributions to the world of architecture and culture. Her legacy continues to inspire architects and creative minds worldwide.

THE 10TH BERGER AWARD CELEBRATING ARCHITECTURAL EXCELLENCE



On March 13, 2023, the 10th Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture took stage at a capital city hotel. This prestigious event recognized and celebrated five outstanding architectural projects for their innovation and excellence.

Notable figures present included Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, President of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Ms. Rupali Chowdhury, Managing Director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited (BPBL), Mr. Mohsin Habib Chowdhury, BPBL Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, Ar. Qazi Muhammad Arif, Berger Award Director for the 10th edition, Eminent architects, top Berger officials, award committee members, jury members, and professionals from the construction sector also graced the occasion.

The Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture (BAEA) has a storied history, dating back to its inception in 2003 as the "Berger Young Architect Award." This edition marked a significant milestone, celebrating 20 years of this prestigious award.

Ar. Qazi Muhammad Arif served as the award director for the 10th cycle, with Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid and Ar. Moushumi

Ahmed as Deputy Award Directors. The esteemed jury panel included Ar. Naushad Ehsanul Huq, Ar. Nishat Afrose, Ar. S. M. Nazimuddin, Ar. Duangrit Bunnag from Thailand, and renowned sculptor Prof. Hamiduzzaman Khan, who also designed the permanent trophy for the BAA Award.

The Berger Award recognized five remarkable projects:

"NEER" A VACATION HOUSE by Ar. Zishan Fuad Choudhury
"BON ER BARI" (A FOREST RETREAT) by Ar. Md. Ishtiaque Zahir and Ar. Md. Iqbal Habib
"RANGS BABYLONIA" by Ar. K M Mustapha Khalid

COMMENDATION Award:

1. The Statesman _ Ar. Shahla Karim Kabir, Ar. Shuvro S Chowdhury.
2. Hydropod Integrated water harvesting & Playscape facilities in Hill Tracts_Ar. S M Rumman Mashrur Chowdhury, Ar. Shuvra Das.

Special Recognition:

The late Ar. Mubasshar Hussein was posthumously honored with the Berger Life-Time Achievement Award, paying tribute to his lifelong dedication and significant contributions to the field of architecture. Rupali Chowdhury, Managing Director of BPBL, emphasized the significance of the Berger

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CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY A TRIBUTE TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND ARCHITECTS



On March 26, 2023, the Institute of Architects in Bangladesh commemorated Independence Day with a special focus on honoring freedom fighter architects who played a pivotal role in the nation's struggle for freedom.

The day featured various activities, including drawing and handwriting competitions for children and an Origami workshop, where young participants crafted models of the National Memorial, an emblem of Bangladesh's independence. The event successfully brought together architects and the younger generation, infusing creativity and enthusiasm into the celebration.

Let's continue to remember and honor those who contributed to our nation's independence and inspire future generations.

Remembering Ar. Syed Mainul Hossain

In the second phase of the event, titled "Ar. Syed Mainul Hossain in Memory," participants paid tribute to the distinguished architect known for designing the National Memorial. The program included a documentary highlighting his life and achievements, insights from a classmate, and an emotional award acceptance on his behalf by his daughter, Syeda Tanzina Hossain. Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, President of IAB, emphasized the importance of celebrating freedom and adhering to guiding principles. The event concluded with gratitude to all attendees for making it a memorable celebration.



EXPLORING AI IN ARCHITECTURE A SYNERGISTIC PARTNERSHIP



On March 15, 2023, the IAB Chattogram Chapter organized a discussion titled "AI in Architecture: Architects and AI Partnership?" The event delved

into the growing role of artificial intelligence (AI) in architecture. Ar. Ashik Vaskor Mannan and Ar. Md. Rashed Hasan traced AI's journey from inception to its

current transformative state. They highlighted AI's practical applications, which streamline processes and optimize resource utilization, envisioning a future of collaboration between architects and AI for innovation. Approximately 80 architects and students attended the event, emphasizing its relevance. Key figures, including IAB Chittagong Chapter Chairman Ar. Ashiq Imran, Deputy Chairman Ar. Faruk Ahmed, and Treasurer Ar. Bijo Shankar Talukder, participated. The discussion provided architects with a platform to navigate the intersection of AI and architecture. Architects view AI as a valuable tool, not a replacement, promising a future of innovation and synergy in architecture.

IAB MEMBERSHIP TEST SHAPING THE ARCHITECTS OF TOMORROW

In March 2023, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) conducted its written test for full membership under the 25th Executive Council, with around 100 candidates aspiring to become architects, each eager to embark on their journey towards becoming full-fledged architects. This year marked a significant shift in the examination's structure. Several constructive changes were introduced to modernize the question paper, providing candidates with a comprehensive understanding of the rules governing full membership. The response from the candidates was overwhelmingly positive, reflecting their enthusiasm and readiness to embrace these changes.



Shaping the Architects of Tomorrow:

The IAB's commitment to maintaining high standards in the architectural profession shines through events like the Membership Test. As the next generation of architects prepares to make its mark, these examinations play a vital role in shaping the future of architecture in Bangladesh.

We applaud the dedication and enthusiasm of all the candidates who participated in the Membership Test and the diligent efforts of the Membership Advisory Committee. The future of architecture in Bangladesh looks promising, and these endeavors contribute significantly to its continued excellence.

IAB LEGAL HELP DESK

YOUR GUIDE TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Embarking on a career in architecture is an exciting journey, but it often involves navigating complex legal and administrative processes. To assist IAB members in these matters, the 25th Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) has established the IAB Legal Help Desk. This initiative offers valuable legal guidance on topics like Income Tax and VAT.

Meet Our Advisors:

The IAB Legal Help Desk is staffed with two professionals ready to assist you:

- Income Tax Advisor -

Mr. Md. Akbar Ali:

Mr. Ali provides expert advice on income tax and VAT-related matters and is available every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the IAB Center.

- Legal Advisor -

Mr. Jamilur Rahman:

Mr. Rahman offers guidance on various professional matters and is present at the IAB Center every Saturday from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

IAB members can benefit from this service by scheduling meetings with the advisors. To do so, call the IAB Center at 55007195-96 in advance, and admin, will coordinate your appointment.

It's important to note that both advisors provide initial guidance on professional legal matters, including Income Tax and VAT. Any subsequent actions or decisions are at the discretion of the member and the respective advisor. IAB shall not be liable for further legal steps or outcomes. The IAB Legal Help Desk demonstrates our commitment to supporting members throughout their professional journeys. This initiative simplifies

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complex legal and administrative matters, ensuring you have the guidance and knowledge needed to excel in your

architectural pursuits. Together, we can navigate the legal landscape with confidence and ease.

IAB AND CNRS MOU SIGNING FOR CLIMATE-RESILIENT ARCHITECTURE IN BANGLADESH



The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) and the Center for Natural Resource Studies (CNRS) have joined forces to organize an architectural competition addressing climate resilience for Bangladesh's floating communities under the "Resilience for Boat Resident Communities of Bangladesh" project.

On March 23, 2023, Dr. M. Mokhlesur Rahman of CNRS and Ar. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed of IAB formalized their commitment, supported by Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan and Ar. Md. Nazmul Haq Bulbul. Key IAB Executive Committee members, including Ar. Mohammad Ali Naqi and Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, showed their support,

emphasizing the initiative's importance.

The project aims to address climate challenges faced by these unique communities through an open architectural competition, seeking innovative and sustainable solutions to enhance resilience and quality of life. IAB and CNRS's partnership promises a brighter future with innovative architecture empowering communities to thrive in a changing climate. This MoU signifies hope for Bangladesh's floating communities and marks the beginning of a journey towards resilience and sustainability. We look forward to groundbreaking designs that make Bangladesh more resilient and sustainable.

IAB ADVOCATES FOR FAIR TAXATION

A PARTNERSHIP WITH NBR



On March 27, 2023, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) constituted a Task Force with Grade-1 members specializing in VAT Policy and Income Tax Policy. Their primary objective is to establish an effective partnership between the National Board of Revenue (NBR) and IAB for fair tax collection on government-related matters. This meeting was held at National Board of Revenue (NBR), Agargaon.

In the discussion on behalf of IAB, the Task Force Chairman Ar. Md. Anwar Hossain, members Ar. Khan Md. Mahfuzul Huq (Vice- President, International Relations) Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan, Ar. Mohammad

Foyez Ullah, the Task Force Member-Secretary Ar. Mir Md. Naian Sakib (Treasurer, IAB) participated in the discussion. IAB and its members recognize their role as responsible citizens and aim to abide by government laws and regulations, contributing to the nation's prosperity.

Bangladeshi architects have achieved international recognition for their modern, sustainable, safe, and aesthetically pleasing designs, playing a leadership role in promoting these values worldwide.

Architects are crucial in ensuring that all constructions adhere to

modern, safe, and environmentally friendly standards, addressing challenges posed by natural disasters and urbanization.

Challenges with Current Taxation Architects currently face a 15% VAT and a 10% advance income tax. IAB proposes reducing the VAT rate to 5% or 7.5% and a reduced income tax, encouraging legitimate financial channels and boosting government revenue.

A Collaborative Approach
IAB seeks to facilitate taxation training for architects and form a joint task force with NBR representatives to devise a collective revenue collection strategy. The collaboration aims to establish a balanced taxation system that benefits both architects and the nation's development.



Ar. Mubasshar Hussain
(1943-2023)



Happy New Year Card
1st January 2023



Mother Language Day
21st February 2023



Mother Language Day Card
21st February 2023



IAB Foundation Day
25th February 2023



Independence Day Card
26th March 2023



On February 27, 2023, a significant In an exciting development, IAB's Membership Advisory Committee held its first meeting on February 27,

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On February 8, 2023, Marina Tabassum's architectural work will be showcased at the TUM's Architecture Museum in Munich. The exhibit will include her award-winning Bait-ur-Roof Mosque, marking a significant achievement in her

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