

COUNTRY REPORT Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)

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1.0 Brief History

Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) was established on February 25th, 1972 in Dhaka, immediately after the independence of Bangladesh in 1971. The Institute of Architects Bangladesh is a professional institution to safe guard, promote and develop the profession of architecture in Bangladesh. The members of the Institute of Architects are morally bound to practice the profession according to rules, regulation and ethics established by the IAB. It has the mandate of its members to represent them as the supreme authority to deal with any matter related to the profession of architecture in Bangladesh. The Institute is run by a fifteen-member Executive Council that the members elect for a two-year term.

2.0 24th EC Office Bearers (for the term 2021-2022)

President : Ar. Mubasshar Hussain

Vice-President (National Affairs) : Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid

Vice-President (International : Ar. Md. Ishtiague Zahir

Relations)

General Secretary : Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu Assistant General Secretary : Ar. Dr. Sajid Bin Doza Treasurer : Ar. M. Masud Ur Rashid

Secretary, Education : Ar. Mohammad Arefeen Ibrahim Secretary, Profession : Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker Secretary, Membership : Ar. Md. Shahid Hasan Rabbani

Secretary, Publication & Publicity : Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud

Secretary, Seminar & Convention : Ar. M Taufiqur Rahman Khan Secretary, Heritage & Culture : Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain

Secretary, Environment & : Ar. Md. Nafizur Rahman

Urbanization

Chairman, Chittagong Chapter : Ar. Ashiq Imran Immediate Past President : Ar. Jalal Ahmed

3.1 Membership

There are mainly 2 categories of membership, namely General Membership and Honorary Membership. Fellow, Member, Associate Member and Student Member are the parts of General Membership. Honorary Fellow and Honorary Member are the parts of Honorary Membership. Only Fellows and Members have voting rights.

3.2 Current Membership Strength

As of October 2021, the membership strength of the Institute is as follows:

Total Member : 4821 Out of which,

Fellow: 394 Member: 1348 Associate Member: 2845 Student Member: 234

A Member pays a yearly subscription of Taka 2,000.00 (USD-25) Approx. only.

4.0 Budget

Funds of IAB are raised from the following sources: -

- (a) Admission Fees and Annual Subscription of the members.
- (b) Fund raising activities such as building material exhibition, publications etc.
- (c) Financial Grant from the Government through the Ministry of Housing and Public Works.

Every year the Treasurer of the Institute prepares a budget, which the Executive Council approves. The Treasurer is also responsible for preparation of the audited accounts (Income and Expenditure) and the Balance Sheets, which are approved by the Executive Council before presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

5.0 Number of Chapters, Centers

According to the Constitution, Institute can establish Chapter from time to time in different regions of Bangladesh, where the number of members and fellows are at least 25. The constitution also has the provision for formation of Centers of IAB at different parts of Bangladesh, where the number of members and fellows are between 10 and 25. At present IAB has one chapter in Chittagong and three Centers in Khulna, Sylhet and Rajshahi. The Executive Council formulates rules and regulation for operation of the Chapter and Centers as per the Constitution of IAB. The Chapter, Centers operate through sub-committee accountable to the Executive Council of the Institute.

6.0 AGM/ Bi-AGM

As per the constitution of IAB, Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held in every year by the 1st week of December to consider and adopt the yearly accounts and balance sheet and the general reports.

The Biennial General Meeting (BGM) is also held in the 1st week of December in every second year of the running executive council to consider and adopt the yearly accounts and balance sheet and the general reports of the Executive Council. Election of the subsequent Executive Council is held as last agenda of this meeting. As and when necessary, Extra-ordinary General Meetings are convened to transact any specific or urgent business. the last Bi-AGM was held on **December 2020**. The Biennial General Meeting and Election for the next Executive Council will be held in the last week of **December 2022**.

7.0 Legal Status of the Institute

The institute is registered with the Government as a Society under provision of law and hence IAB has a legal basis in the Country.

The Government of Bangladesh recognizes the Institute (IAB) as the only organization to represent Architects of the Country. The members of the Institute are morally bound to practice the profession according to the rules, regulations and ethics IAB establishes. The Institute has mandate of its members to represent itself as the supreme authority to deal with any matter related to the profession of Architecture in Bangladesh.

8.0 International Affiliations

IAB is affiliated with the following International Architectural Bodies:

UIA : Union of International Architects

CAA : Commonwealth Association of Architects

ARCASIA: Architects Regional Council ASIA

SAARCH : South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation of Architects

9.0 Some of the seminars workshops & webinars are mentioned below: Arranged by IAB.

SL #	Name of the Subject/Theme	Presenter / Organizer	Venue / Media
1	Louis Kahn's Tiger City documentary directed by Sundaram Tagor on the occasion of the 120th birth anniversary of architect Louis I. Kahn.	Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)	Manik Mia Avenue & IAB Premises
2	Online-Commemorative Ceremony to Celebrate the 100th Birth Anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman	Honorable MP. Mr. Tofail Ahmed	By Using Zoom platform
3	An online commemoration ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of independence of Bangladesh	Honorable MP. And Minister of Science and Technology of Bangladesh Mr. Yeafesh Osman	By Using Zoom platform
4	An webinar on 'Halda' River	Engr. Prof. Dr. Md. Jahangir Alam Prof. Dr. Monzurul Kibria Kamal Parvez Organized by IAB Chottogram Chapter	By Using Zoom platform

5	Discussion Webinar on 'Observation / Proposal / Objection' on DAP	IAB Working Committee on DAP	By Using Zoom platform
6	Discussion Webinar on World Environment Day: Sustainable Development goals and Architects	Mr. Md. Tajul Islam, MP & Honorable Minister of Local Government and Rural Development of Bangladesh Prof. Abdullah Abu Sayeed Ar. Mr. Iqbal Habib	By Using Zoom platform
7	Celebrating the birth anniversary of Eminent Architect Bashirul Haq	Prof. Ferdous Azim Ar. Zainab Faruqui Ali Ar. Nahas Ahmed Khalil Ar. Mustapha Khalid Palash Ar. Syed Monirul Islam	By Using Zoom platform
8	A Workshop on Exchange of views on cyclone tolerance in coastal areas		By Using Zoom platform
9	Social responsibility Committee's Cox's Bazar Demo Presentation	IAB Social Responsibility Committee	By Using Zoom platform
10	The 1st event of a three-day online program to be held on the occasion of the 9th death anniversary of Architect Mazharul Islam: "Fifty years of architecture in Bangladesh"	Ar. Mubasshar Hussain Ar. Shamsul Wares Mr. Muntasir Mamun Prof. Nisar Hossain Dalia Nausheen	By Using Zoom platform
11	The 2nd event of the three- day online program to be held on the occasion of the 9th death anniversary of architect Mazharul Islam: "Architect's Pride"	Ar. <mark>Enamul Karim Nirjhar</mark>	By Using Zoom platform
12	The 3rd event of the three-day online program to be held on the occasion of the 9th death anniversary of the architect Mazharul Islam: "Mazharul Islam himself"	Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan Ar. Marina Tabassum Mr. Arifur Rahman	By Using Zoom platform
13	Two presentations on the role of architects in social responsibility, such as emergency humanitarian assistance, at the Rohingya Camp in	IAB Social Responsibility Committee	By Using Zoom platform

	Cox's Bazar: "Episode 1: Architects' Participation in Perspective, Spatial Planning and Policy Making"		
14	Two presentations on the role of architects in social responsibility, such as emergency humanitarian assistance, at the Rohingya Camp in Cox's Bazar: "Episode 2: Community, Space-Based Feedback and Architects' Participation in Relevant Work"	IAB Social Responsibility Committee	By Using Zoom platform
15	Jhinaidah Co-Creation Process	IAB Social Responsibility Committee	By Using Zoom platform
16	An exhibition of photographs taken by architects and hand-painted photographs of members' children on the occasion of International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies.	IAB Environment & Urbanization Committee with Cultural Affairs Committee	Online Platform
17	Participatory housing for low-income urban communities: Experience in context of Bangladesh	IAB Social Responsibility Committee	By Using Zoom platform
18	Sthapottya Probaha: An Initiative to Engage Young Professional and Academics from different parts of the country	Sthapottya Probaha Sub- committee under IAB Social Responsibility Committee	By Using Zoom platform
19	Perception of 'Habitat' in the context of the shifting paradigm of Architecture: Discourse on reevaluating justice towards society and environment	Ar. Sami Hasan Ar. Tanzil Shafique Mr. Kazi fattah	By Using Zoom platform

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Posters/Pictures of the seminars and webinars:











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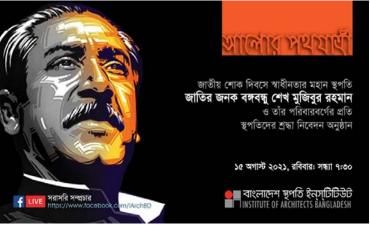




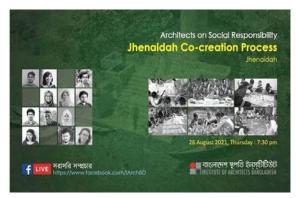




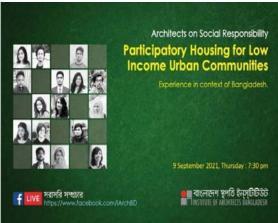




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1	Imarat Nirman Bidhimala, 2008.	Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif	IAB, Dhaka	By Using Zoom platform
2	IAB Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct	Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury	IAB, Dhaka	By Using Zoom platform
3	Imarat Nirman Bidhimala, 1996	Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif	IAB, Dhaka	By Using Zoom platform

International Speakers:



10.0 Outreach Program

In general events of IAB, ministers, high government officials, members of civil society and important personalities are invited as guests with a view to interact with the decision-makers. Seminars and various programs are organized to

make people aware of the importance and role of architects in building a better society. These events are given wide coverage in mass media.

Jointly with other agencies the Institute organizes seminars on planning issues of cities and rural areas of Bangladesh.

The Institute publishes a regular Newsletter covering national and international news and views of architectural importance.

IAB delegates met with the Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources





Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, Vice President (National Affairs), IAB, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, General Secretary, IAB, Ar. Md. Iqbal Habib, Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan along with IAB President Ar. Mubasshar Hussain discussed at the residence of Mr. Nasrul Hamid MP, the Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources on 6 February 2021. The delegates expressed their concerns about the demolition of Kamalapur Railway Station to HE Naoki Ito San, the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, and to Mr. Hayakawa Yuho San, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Bangladesh office. After a long discussion, the ambassador hinted on informing Kajima Corporation, the PPP's Japanese investor, regarding the matter before the next joint investment meeting scheduled on 24 February 2021. The JICA head confirms that the said demolition is not a direct resultant of the MRT Project.

The State Minister, present in the discussion, assured his full cooperation to IAB. He was finally thanked by the delegates for arranging such meet with the Ambassador of Japan and Head of JICA.

Meeting With Hon'ble Minister of LGRD & the Mayor, DNCC



Hon'ble Minister of LGRD, Mr. Md. Tajul MP inaugurated the modern street lights of Dhaka North City Corporation at a function held at the Multi-purpose Hall of IAB Centre on 1 January 2021.

At the end of the program, a long-discussion was held with the Hon'ble Minister and the Mayor, DNCC Mr. Md. Atiqul Islam on DAP and other related recent issues with the newly elected Executive Council of IAB. Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, President of the 24th Executive Council, Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, General Secretary Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, and Environment & Urbanization-Secretary Ar. Md. Nafizur Rahman were present at the discussion.

IAB delegates met the honourable Railway Minister regarding the Kamalapur Railway Station Complex conservation



A team of delegates from the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) led by its President, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain met the honorable Railway Minister, Mr. Nurul Islam Sujan MP at his office at Bangladesh Railway Bhaban on 4 February 2021. The key issue of the discussion was to conserve the Kamalapur Railway Station Complex. The other members of the delegation were Professor Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan, Ar. Iqbal Habib, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, General Secretary, IAB and Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary-Heritage and Culture, IAB.

After a long exchange of views, the Minister showed his interest in IAB's proposal to continue the development while preserving the iconic establishment. The Minister also agreed to the proposal of presentation, knowledge-based alternatives motivated by the possibilities and rights in this regard by IAB. The delegates were requested to submit a joint alternative proposal soon under the leadership of IAB. The President of IAB thanked the Minister for this consent and hoped to present an acceptable alternative 'Primary Master Plan' as early as possible. The IAB president also committed to Bangladesh Railway to render necessary cooperation in the future as well.

In a similar effort, regarding the conservation of the Kamalapur Railway Station Complex, Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, Vice President (National Affairs), IAB, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, General Secretary, IAB, Ar. Md. Iqbal Habib, Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan along with IAB President Ar. Mubasshar Hussain discussed at the residence of Mr. Nasrul Hamid MP, the Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources on 6 February 2021. The delegates expressed their concerns about the demolition of Kamalapur Railway Station to HE Naoki Ito San, the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, and to Mr. Hayakawa Yuho San, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

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IAB DELEGATES MEET THE VC OF DHAKA UNIVERSITY ON TSC ISSUE





A five member IAB delegation visited the Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka at his office on 15 February 2021 as part of the drive to save the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) building at Dhaka University campus. Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, President, IAB led the team while Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, Vice President (National Affairs) and Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, General Secretary of IAB along with IAB Fellows Dr. Abu Sayed M. Ahmed and Ar. Ehsan Khan accompanied him.

The fruitful meeting had begun with elaborating the importance of the TSC complex as an architectural edifice as well as a historic premise. Elaborate alternate options were presented on screen by the team. Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, VC of Dhaka University gave his patience hearing and expressed his solidarity towards the alternatives proposed by IAB delegates.

While the IAB delegates reiterated on an open architectural design competition for such a challenging and prestigious intervention, the Vice Chancellor indicated that the project has been undertaken by the Ministry of Public Works & Housing and they have to be convinced to do so. However, he expressed his personal willingness to go for an open architectural design competition for the said extension of TSC.

The cordial meeting ended with handing over the Hardcopy of the Alternate Proposal and a book published by IAB by the President of IAB

11.0 Architectural Design Competition

Architectural Design Competition is a frequent feature of IAB. Recently Institute are in a process for a open design competition

A. Dhaka North City Corporation Civic Centre and DNCC Tower at Gulshan 2, Dhaka: An Open Design Competition Organizing in collaboration with Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) is currently on going.

12.0 Awards for Members:

The Institute has introduced IAB design Awards since 1996 biennially. It has become the most prestigious award in the field of architecture in Bangladesh. Usually IAB organizes Two National Award for Architectures:

- A. IAB Gold Medal
- B. IAB Award
- C. Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture (BAEA)

Beside the above mentioned AWARDS, IAB members regularly participate in following AWARD Programs:

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- AGA KHAN AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE
- ARCASIA Award for Architecture
- Monsoon Architecture Award
- JK Architect of the Year Awards
- International Property Award Asia Pacific Region
- Lafarge Holcim Asia Pacific Award for Sustainable Design
- Cityscape Award for Emerging Market
- World Architecture Festival Award
- MIPIM AWARD
- Leading European Architects Forum Award (LEAF)

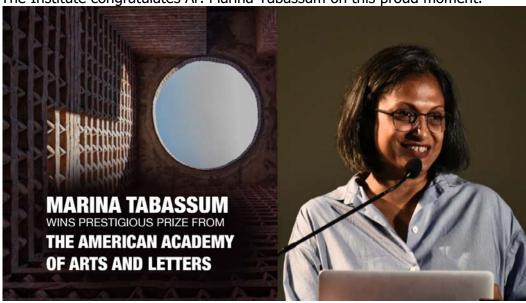
IAB is going to organize a National Award Program "IAB-KSRM Award for Future Architect" to recognize the best thesis/ final projects of the graduating students of IAB accredited schools of architecture of Bangladesh.

ACHIEVEMENT OF IAB & ITS MEMBER: IAB FELLOW AR. MARINA TABASSUM HAS BEEN AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS ARNOLD W. BRUNNER MEMORIAL PRIZE BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND LETTERS:

Institute of Architects Bangladesh is very proud to share that IAB Fellow Ar. Marina Tabassum has been awarded the prestigious Arnold W. Brunner Memorial Prize by the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

The American Academy of Arts and Letters' annual architecture awards program began in 1955 with the inauguration of the Arnold W. Brunner Memorial Prize and has since expanded to include four Arts and Letters Awards. This year's winners were chosen from a group of 32 individuals and practices nominated by the members of the Academy. The jurors were Annabelle Selldorf (chair), Kenneth Frampton, Steven Holl, Thom Mayne, Richard Meier, Toshiko Mori, Robert A. M. Stern, Billie Tsien, and Tod Williams.





BANGLADESHI PROJECT BAMBOO PLAYSCAPE AWARDED 'MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE' IN THE 2020/2021 UIA FRIENDLY & INCLUSIVE SPACES AWARDS:

Institute of Architects Bangladesh is pleased to share that the project titled Bamboo Playscape, an inclusive playspace as part of a "Cycle of care" project from Bangladesh by Ar. Kazi Meftahul Arefin (A-245) and the team have been awarded 'Medal of

Excellence' in the 2020/2021 UIA FRIENDLY & INCLUSIVE SPACES AWARDS under the category 'Public and Open Spaces' on 29 April 2021.

The 3rd edition of the UIA Friendly and Inclusive Spaces Awards attracted 91 entries from 35 countries across the world. Despite widely varying economic, political, social and cultural contexts the submissions demonstrated how sensitive architectural design and collaborative processes can create inclusive, friendly and enabling environments.

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh congratulates everyone involved with the project on this proud moment.



INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS BANGLADESH IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE AND SHARE THE GREAT NEWS ABOUT THE RECENT ACHIEVEMENT OF BANGLADESHI ARCHITECTS AND STUDENTS OF ARCHITECTURE IN ACGSA DESIGN COMPETITION 2021: DESIGNING FOR THE RESILIENCE TO THE **CHANGING ENVIRONMENT**

BANGLADESH HAS WON FIRST & SECOND PLACE WITH AN HONORABLE MENTION IN THE PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY AND ALSO WON FIRST & THIRD PLACE IN THE STUDENT CATEGORY:

..... THE WAIT IS OVER!









Award and Winner Announcement

Date: July 03, 2021

RIBA INTERNATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2021:

Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) is very pleased to announce and share the great news about the recent achievement of IAB Fellow member Ar. Kashef Mahboob Chowdhury (C-025) of URBANA for winning the prestigious "RIBA International Awards for Excellence 2021" for his unique Project named "Friendship Hospital, Satkhira". For deta

Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), on behalf of the architect's community, congratulates Ar. Kashef Mahboob Chowdhury and his team for the success.





PRIX ET RÉCOMPENSES 2021:

Institute of Architects Bangladesh is proud to share that IAB Fellow Architect Marina Tabassum receives the Gold Medal from the French Academy of Architecture!

On 28 September 2021, The Académie d'Architecture Prizes and Awards were presented at the Académie d'Architecture, place des Vosges in Paris. During the ceremony, 41 laureates, representative of the world of architecture, crafts and building, received a medal from the Academy of Architecture.

The 2020 Gold Medal of the Academy of Architecture was awarded to architect Marina Tabassum, whose vernacular and sophisticated achievements have universal value in line with current environmental and social issues.

Each year, the Prizes and Awards honour professionals from the world of architecture, teaching and research, the young generation of architects who have just graduated from school, and the vast world of construction. This is an opportunity for the Academy to distinguish those who promote architecture, town planning and their teaching.

Institute of Architects Bangladesh congratulates Ar. Marina Tabassum on this proud moment.



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13.0 Architectural Education

IAB Education Board Committee and Sub-committees:

- **Board of Architectural Education** 01.
- 02. ASIAB Committee:

Accreditation Standard of Institute of Architects Bangladesh (ASIAB) was formulated in 2011. IAB provide accreditation to all the schools in Bangladesh. At present there are 28 Architecture Schools in Bangladesh out of which, 11 Schools are Accredited by IAB.

03. Education Working Sub Committee

IAB attended the bi-annual general meeting of Canberra Accord held in Colombo during 4th to 7th of May 2017, organized by CAA with SLIA. Bangladesh was in observer status there and expressed IAB's interest in becoming a Provisional Member of Canberra Accord.

14.0 Resources of the institute

- (a) The institute has an acre of land allocated by the Government near Parliament Complex in Dhaka.
- (b) The Institute has building of its own with a big lawn in front of the building;
- (c) The Institute has a library;
- (d) One Multi-purpose Hall of 400+ sitting capacity
- (e) Two Seminar Halls with 100+ sitting capacity each
- (f) The Institute has Telephone, Facsimile and E-mail facilities with other required logistics.

15.0 IAB Newsletter, E-cards & Posters



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