



November 2011-October 12:

HIGHLIGHTS OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE 19TH EC OF IAB

1. **IAB Website:** IAB website iab.com.bd is now alive and relevant information are being gradually uploaded in the website, and soon a full-fledged online user, notification and content management system will be launched.

IAB's official social network pages have been started, you may visit and join in the Facebook Page: <http://facebook.com/IArchBD> and the Twitter Page: <http://twitter.com/IArchBD> for regular updates from IAB.

IAB's official emailing system also has been upgraded to Google Apps' platform, now it can be accessed by <http://email.iab.com.bd>, or Gmail.com for the use of IAB officials and EC members.

2. **Paperless Communications with the IAB Members:** The 19th EC realized that in this age of digital communication, sending printed letters is not environmentally sustainable and also very time consuming. Moreover, there were complains from members that the printed letters/documents either does not reach them reaches them very late.

The 19th EC's vision to make all the communication as much as possible paperless, we are very happy to announce that it has been able to reduce the use of paper and dependence of postal service/courier by making the communication with members effective through emails, sms and by gradually making the IAB website active.

5. **Inclusion of Definition of Architect in The Updated Version of Bangladesh National Building Code:** After noticing that there is no definition of Architect or Engineer in the updated draft of the Bangladesh National Building Code. IAB has sent a Memo to the Chief Architect & Convener of the Steering Committee for updating the BNBC, requesting to include the same definitions of **ARCHITECT & ENGINEERS** in the updated version of the BNBC, which has already been established by IAB's direct initiatives in the "Building Rules" of RajUK & CDA through gazette.

6. **Methods of Selection of Architects:** Recently, due to wide publicity of IAB organized architectural competitions, inquiries from different private & public sector organization about holding Architectural Competitions are increasing. A number of architectural competitions are under negotiations with the promoters. During the last few months two competitions have been conducted with IAB support. They are the Unity Complex, Agrani Bank & Hamdard University Campus Project.

7. **Membership Examination:** To maintain the professional skills of the new members joining the profession, from this year, Membership Examination is being regularly conducted by IAB.

8. **IAB Centre Fund Raising & Construction:** As a matter of principle, it was decided by the EC that IAB will not seek funding either from sponsors outside the profession or from any other source.

The 1st phase of the construction works i.e foundation up to plinth level is complete and now the 2nd phase of the works i.e Contractor for the steel structure has already been selected.

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10. **IAB Recruits New Staff:** To attend to ever increasing activities and to improve efficiency regarding membership, examination, seminars, competitions, RajUK/CDA registration, liaise with relevant govt. agencies etc., a new staff has joined IAB from 1st December and simultaneously job responsibilities of existing staffs have also been reassigned.

To cope with the increasing work loads and for handling day to day affairs of the competitions and related enquiries, ***the 19th Executive Committee has recruited an architect on a trial basis for its "Client Advisory Cell"***

12. **Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program from January 2012:** IAB's activities should be mainly focused around professional upliftment of the members. As part of these activities, 19th EC reintroduces Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program from January 2012
13. **Publication of IAB News Letter:** Four issues of the IAB newsletter have been published since April, 2011 and another issue is due in October.
14. **Standard form of Contract Between Client & Architect:** To facilitate the practicing architects, the existing Conditions of Engagement & Scale of Professional Charges of IAB is currently being redrafted to suit the current needs which is currently under vetting by legal adviser. They will be shared with the members of IAB before making them mandatory.
15. **Standard Format of Appointment Letters for the Members Working as Employees in Architectural Firms:** To facilitate the offices appointing an IAB member as their employee, a standard format of appointment letter is being drafted.
16. **Celebration of Victory Day on 16 December:** Every year a delegation of IAB places floral wreath at the National Martyrs Memorial.
17. **IAB Picnic 2012:** All Members of IAB and their family members were warmly invited to participate in the overnight grand gala picnic held at Koitta, Manikgonj during January 5-6, 2012.
18. **International Mother Language Day (21 February):** Every year on 21 February, IAB observes this national and international event and places floral wreath at the central Shaheed Minar.
19. **Accreditation of Schools of Architecture:** The accreditation process of the Schools of Architecture under the Accreditation Standards of IAB (ASIAB) have been started and two school have already been accredited by IAB and another three provisional report has been submitted by the assessors.
20. **Demanding Inclusion of Architect Category In Plot Allotment by the Capital Dev. Authority (RajUK):** Until now, there has been categorization of doctors, artists, lawyers, engineers, journalists etc., but unfortunately there is no quota for architects in the allotment, who are the main building professionals. After noticing this in the RajUK's Jhilmil Project plot allotment application form, IAB immediately sent a Memo to RajUK Chairman with cc to Secretary, Ministry of Works demanding to create ARCHITECT category for the Jhilmil project plot allotment & for all future land & apartment projects of RajUK. The 19th EC is happy to announce that for the first time, RajUK has created a category for the architects/planners.

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21. **IAB Lectures:** IAB lecture program is a very popular event. As a public relation activity, and IAB has made these lectures open to not only architects but also to the public. IAB invites distinguished architects and relevant professionals from home and abroad in these lectures. Since July, 2011 a large number of architects from different countries of Asia, Africa, Europe & USA have already made presentation on their works.

22. **Workshops:** During the last one year IAB organized 2 major workshops for the Architects & the students of Architecture

22.1 International OSA KULeuven-BUET-IAB Workshop on [RE] VISITING RAMNA / [RE] MAPPING THE PLACE was held during 11-14 September 2011 was also a very successful one.

22.2 IAB & BUET jointly organized a LEED AP preparatory workshop for the Architects.

23. **Special and Large Projects Review Sub-committee of IAB: IAB is represented in the Special & Large Projects Approval Committee of RajUK:** In response to IAB's invitation, a group of young members of IAB are currently working regularly in the **Special and Large Projects Review Sub-committee of IAB** and they are doing a wonderful job.

24. **National Parliament Complex & MRT Issue:** There was huge participation of the members of IAB and the civil society in the human Chain and the token hunger strike jointly organised by IAB, BIP, BAPA, BELA & ArcaAB held in December 2011.

25. A joint presentation & reception for the visiting delegates of **the Society of the Architectural Historians** was organised by IAB BRAC Univ. & Univ. of Asia Pacific in 30th December.

26. **Awards & Architectural Design Competitions:**

26.1 Architectural Design Competition is a frequent feature of IAB. During the current tenure of the 19th EC, IAB has already organized 3 competitions and more are in the pipeline.

IAB also monitors that the selection of architects is done as per IAB guidelines. Recently, it has asked its members to refrain from participating in two design competitions that were not in compliance with IAB Regulations for Architectural Design Competitions and the members complied.

26.2 Members of IAB are winning awards in different local, regional & international architectural awards programs.

26.3 **IAB Design Award:** The Institute has introduced IAB Design Awards since 1996. It is a biennial program. The current cycle of the IAB Awards has recently been announced.

26.4 **Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture 2011:** Originally conceived & introduced as Berger Young Architects Awards, Berger Awards for Excellence in Architecture is a very popular and prestigious joint program of Berger Paints Bangladesh and IAB.

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27. In May 2012, a group of students of Architecture of BUET under a program called International Climate Champions of British Council led by BUET Student Shegufta Newaz organized an Exhibition and Seminar titled Climate Nature & Architecture, which was supported by IAB, Architecture Alumni Association of BUET and the Dept. of Architecture of BUET. This program got wide coverage in the media.
28. Our beloved Architect Muzharul Islam, born 25 December, 1923, pioneer of Bengali Modernism in Architecture, left us all for heavenly abode in the early hours of Sunday, July 15, 2012.

On the sad demise of this respected personality, the Cabinet of Government of Bangladesh adopted a condolence resolution. Eminent personalities and people from all walks of life also paid their homage and tribute to this esteemed Master Architect and a dynamic person with activities in various spheres of the society, at a civic condolence meeting organized by IAB, on Wednesday, 18 July 2012, at the Auditorium of National Museum of Bangladesh.

29. Major Recent Events:

29.1 UIA World Architecture Day & UN World Habitat Day: IAB is going to observe the World Architecture Day & World Habitat Day on 18 October by organizing a seminar under the UIA theme for this year “Architects Are City Changers”

29.2 International Seminar on Green Habitat: BUET Alumni Association, IAB, IEB & Dept. of Architecture of the Govt. of Bangladesh is jointly organizing a day long seminar on October 12, 2012.

29.3 International Seminar “Bringing Architects Together”: During September 14-15, IAB, BaA (Bangladesh Architects In Australia) and the RAlA Melbourne Chapter organized a 2 day seminar in Melbourne which was participated by about 60 architects from Bangladesh and a large number of Australian architects. The Secretary of the Ministry of Housing & Public Works of the Govt. of Bangladesh, President of ARCASIA, President Elect of ARCASIA also attended the program. The program was a huge success.

30. Plans for the Future

- Build its own building and locate its current activities in its own premises.
- Create IAB Design Vetting Committee to assist the Capital Development Authority (RajUK), in approving the plans on the basis of newly enacted building rules.
- Bringing amendments in the IAB Constitution to deal with changing scenario of the profession in the country.
- Open new branches in other cities of the country and also in other countries.
- Setting up a Heritage Center.
- Publish representational Book on Architecture of Bangladesh.
- Develop the Institute as a professional body aligned with sustainable development and environmental issues of the country.

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