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BANGLADESH**

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IAB COUNTRY REPORT

**The 21st Asian Congress of Architects
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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) is the national professional organization that represents architects in Bangladesh. Established in 1972 under the leadership of Sthapattyacharjo Muzharul Islam in newly independent Bangladesh, IAB plays a crucial role in promoting and regulating the architecture profession in the country. The primary objective of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh is to uphold and maintain the highest standards of architectural practice and professional ethics. It aims to foster a sense of camaraderie and cooperation among architects, encouraging them to share knowledge, experiences, and innovations for the betterment of the industry.

IAB is responsible for accrediting architectural education institutions in Bangladesh, ensuring that aspiring architects receive quality education and training. It also sets guidelines and standards for professional development, helping architects stay updated with the latest trends, technologies, and sustainable practices in the field. More than 4000 active architect members give strength and vibrancy to these activities.

IAB actively collaborates with other professional bodies, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations to influence architectural policies and contribute to development planning in Bangladesh. Through its efforts, the IAB seeks to create a more sustainable, aesthetically pleasing, and functional built environment for the people of Bangladesh.



CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute is run by a fifteen-member Executive Council, elected by the general members for a two years term. 26th Executive Council Office Bearers (for the term 2025-2026)

President	Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed Mostaque Ahmed
Vice-President (National Affairs)	Ar. Nowajish Mahbub
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Secretary, Publication & Publicity	Ar. Md. Shafiul Azam Shamim
Secretary, Seminar & Convention	Ar. Saida Akter
Secretary, Heritage & Culture	Ar. Kazi Shamima Sharmin
Secretary, Environment & Urbanism	Ar. Dr. Khurshid Zabin Hossain Taufique
Chairman, Chittagong Chapter	Ar. Fazle Imran Chowdhury



Photograph of 26th Executive Council (for the term 2025-2026)

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

As of June 2025, the total members of the Institute is mentioned below.

Total Member	: 4636	Out of which,
Fellow	: 324	
Member	: 1948	
Associate Member	: 4020	
Student Member	: 388	

It is to be noted that as per IAB Constitution & bylaws, Architects, whose yearly subscription fees are clear are considered as “Regular Members” for that particular year and IAB only deal with its “Regular Members”.

BUDGET OF THE INSTITUTE

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.

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Estimated Annual Budget - 2025 (Regula Expenditure & Income)														
YEARLY INCOME (Approximate) FOR THE INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS BANGLADESH (IAB) 2025														
Sl. No.	Particulars	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
1	Government Grants		2,300,000	2,300,000			2,300,000			2,750,000			2,750,000	12,400,000
2	Newsletter (Sponsored by Berger)			250,000			250,000			250,000			250,000	1,000,000
3	Members Subscription	703,000	703,000	703,000	703,000	703,000	703,000	703,000	703,000	703,000	703,000	703,000	703,000	8,436,000
4	CFD (Sponsored by Berger)	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	2,400,000
5	Seminar (Sponsored by)	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	3,600,000
6	Building Fund Donation by Members	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000	804,000
7	EFS Loan Return	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	1,500,000
8	IAB venue Rent	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000	112,000	1,344,000
9	Books and Other Publication Sales	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	180,000
10	IAB Build EXPO	2,998,000	2,998,000	2,998,000	2,998,000	2,998,000	2,998,000	2,998,000	2,998,000	2,998,000	2,998,000	2,998,000	2,998,000	35,976,000
11	FDR & Bank Interest	131,000	131,000	131,000	131,000	131,000	131,000	131,000	131,000	131,000	131,000	131,000	131,000	1,572,000
12	Benevolent Fund	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	228,000
13	Accreditation	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	960,000
GRAND TOTAL		4,750,000	7,050,000	7,300,000	4,750,000	4,750,000	7,300,000	4,750,000	4,750,000	7,750,000	4,750,000	4,750,000	7,750,000	70,400,000

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 and IAB already has recently opened a new chapter in Canada and UK, USA & Australia Centres are in formative stage. The Executive Council formulates rules and regulation for operation of the Chapter and Centers as per the Constitution of IAB.



AGM/ Bi-AGM/CONGRESS OF THE INSTITUTE

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 in December 2024. The Biennial General Meeting and Election for the next Executive Council will be held in the last week of December 2026.



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.

LEGAL STATUS OF THE ARCHITECT IN THE COUNTRY

In Bangladesh, the architectural profession is a recognized discipline and is moving towards a stronger legal framework. The Architects Law, currently under preparation, will formally authorize the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) as the sole authority to license and register Practicing Architects nationwide. This will further institutionalize the profession's standing, ensuring quality, accountability, and adherence to ethical standards. IAB already plays a central role in guiding architectural practice through advocacy, professional standards, and collaboration with government agencies.

ARCHITECTS REGISTRATION AUTHORITY IN THE COUNTRY

At present, architectural design approval is regulated primarily through RAJUK (Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha) in Dhaka and other local development authorities, which require architectural submissions to be prepared and signed by registered IAB members. Upon enactment of the Architects Law, IAB will be the official licensing and registration authority for practicing architects, overseeing professional conduct, CPD requirements, and disciplinary matters.

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



MAJOR PROGRAMS OF THE INSTITUTE

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programs: Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs are very popular among the members. To maintain the proficiency of the Members, very soon it will be made mandatory for renewing Memberships. A number of CPD programs on various building rules, codes, building services & professional practice issues are regularly being conducted by IAB.

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

Publications & Exhibitions: The Institute publishes "IAB Newsletter" covering national and international news and views on architectural issues.

Besides the Newsletter, IAB has printed version of Code of Ethics & Professional Conduct 2018, Sample Employment Handbook for Architectural Practices 2018, Introduction to Standard Contracts & Scale of Minimum Fees 2018, Manual of Procedure for Selection of Architects, Publication on Design Competition Winning Projects, Publication on Award Winning Projects of IAB Members, Bi-Annual Reports, UIA Participation, 100 House, 50 Years of IAB, IAB Build Expo etc.

LECTURES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

IAB has been organizing seminar workshops regularly since the beginning of the year. Apart from public lectures, CPD has been organized regularly considering the importance of capacity building in professional practice.

List of Some of the lectures, seminars and workshops are mentioned below:

No.	Date	Subject	Venue
1.	09-01-2025	Lecture on "Neighbours: Reflections on an Exhibition"	IAB Centre
2.	18-02-2025	CPD on "Block Development" Experiences, Challenges & Opportunities"	IAB Centre
3.	27-02-2025	CPD on "Basic Understanding of STEPS to Accessible Means of Egress: Ensuring Safety and Accessibility"	IAB Centre
4.	11-03-2025	CPD on "Building Construction Rules 1996"	IAB Centre
5.	19-03-2025	CPD on "Construction Techniques for Multiple Basements"	IAB Centre
6.	19-04-2025	CPD on "BNBC-2020"	IAB Centre
7.	01-05-2025	Seminar Series on "Earthquake Risk Sensitive Land Use Planning and Earthquake Resilience for Greater Dhaka Zone"	IAB Centre
8.	06-05-2025	CPD on "BNBC-2020"	IAB Centre

No.	Date	Subject	Venue
9.	10-05-2025	A CPD course titled 'Codes of Ethics and Professional Conduct' is scheduled for 10th May, 2025	IAB Centre
10.	27-05-2025	CPD on "Basic Understanding of STEPS to Accessible Means of Egress: Ensuring Safety and Accessibility"	IAB Centre
11.	17-06-2025	CPD on "Imarat Nirman Bidhimala 1996"	IAB Centre
12.	24-06-2025	CPD on "Construction Techniques for Multiple Basements"	IAB Centre
13.	01-07-2025	CPD on "TRAFFIC CIRCULATION CERTIFICATE and TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT"	IAB Centre
14.	26-07-2025	CPD on Project Management	IAB Centre
15.	29-07-2027	CPD on "Façade Design in Practice: From Concept to Performance"	IAB Centre
16.	03-08-2025	CPD on "Sustainability through the Lens of LEED"	IAB Centre

EXAMINATION PREPARATION WORKSHOP

Date	Subject	
30.01.2025	Examination Preparation Workshop for Membership	IAB Centre
04.05.2025	Examination Preparation Workshop for Membership	IAB Centre
22.06.2025	Examination Preparation Workshop for Membership	IAB Centre

INTRODUCTION SESSION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Date	Subject	
02.02.2025	Introduction Session for Associate Members of IAB	IAB Centre
17.04.2025	Introduction Session for Associate Members of IAB	IAB Centre
21.06.2025	Introduction Session for Associate Members of IAB	IAB Centre

SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION

Examination Preparation Workshop for Full Membership of IAB

As part of the preparation for the full membership examination of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), an Examination Preparation Workshop was held on January 30, 2025, on the topic of the Dhaka Metropolitan Building (Construction, Development, Preservation, and Demolition) Regulations 2008.



During the workshop, Architect Kawsary Perveen provided a detailed discussion on the relevant regulations, while the Membership Secretary, Architect Ahsanul Haque Rubel, presented the current examination procedures.

AN INTRODUCTORY MEETING OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WAS HELD AT THE INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS BANGLADESH

On 2 February 2025, an interview and orientation meeting for Associate Membership was held at the premises of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). 100 young architects were present at the meeting for inclusion as associate members. The responsibilities and duties assigned to new members were discussed in detail at the event.



The meeting was presided over by Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Noajish Mahbub of the 26th Executive Council of IAB. Also present were Vice President (International Affairs) Ar. Khan Md. Mahfuzul Huq, General Secretary Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, Assistant General Secretary Ar. Dr. Md. Nowroz Fatemi. Secretary (Profession) Ar. M. Wahid Asif, Ar. Amit Kumar Saha and Secretary (Membership) Ar. Ahsanul Haque Rubel.



At the end of the introductory session for new members, a question and answer session was organized, where they had the opportunity to learn about various aspects of the housing and architecture professions through open discussion.

Written Examination for Membership

The first cycle of the written examination for membership inclusion under the 26th Executive council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) was held on February 10, 2025, at the IAB premises.

A total of 50 associate members participated in the examination, with 68% of the candidates passing. The results of the written examination were published on February 18, 2025.

Through this initiative, IAB is committed to implementing a structured and transparent process for evaluating the professional competence of its associate members.



SOME LECTURE, SEMINAR, WORKSHOPS & CPD:

Seminar on 'Architectural Practice in Australia: Opportunities, Potentials, and Limitations' Held at IAB Chattogram Chapter

A seminar titled 'Architectural Practice in Australia: Opportunities, Potentials, and Limitations' was held on 8 January 2025 at the IAB Chattogram Chapter office. The keynote speaker at the event was Architect Maharina Jafrin, who has been professionally engaged in both Bangladesh and Australia.

The seminar saw active participation from architects, professionals, and students from various institutions in Chattogram, creating a vibrant atmosphere. Discussions covered in detail the

architectural licensing process in New South Wales, Australia, professional practices, and the regulations related to the Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA).

Architect Jafrin shared her experiences and challenges working as a Project Designer for Maverick Homes and Universal Property Group Ltd. in Australia. She also spoke about her role as a researcher at the Australian Urban Design Research Centre (AUDRC), and presented insights from her published research paper and book chapter on parks and open spaces in Chattogram.

Organized by the IAB Chattogram Chapter, the seminar is considered to have opened up new avenues for participants to better understand the opportunities and realities of international architectural practice.

08TH JANUARY '25
AT 6:00 PM

Institute of Architects Bangladesh
12TH Committee I Chattogram Chapter

Seminar on:
ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE IN AUSTRALIA
SCOPES, OPPORTUNITIES & LIMITATIONS

GUEST SPEAKER:
Maharina Jafrin

Architect, Maverick Homes
Project Designer, Universal Property Group Ltd 147, Gills road
Goverment, 3216

A. Maharina Jafrin is a practicing architect and urban designer in both Bangladesh & Australia. Being a member of Australian Urban Design Research Centre (AUDRC), she presented her doctorate degree and published papers and book chapter on park, playground and urban open spaces in Chattogram. While working in Australia, she experienced professional practice in Architecture in New South Wales according to Architects Accreditation Council of Australia (AACA). In addition, she is serving as a co-ordinator, committee member of IAB Australia Chapter.

IAB Chattogram Chapter office
Apartment #C1(4th floor), 15, Shahid Saifuddin Khaled Road, Chattogram

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Lecture on "Neighbours: Reflections on an Exhibition"

Date: 9th January 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

A lecture titled '**Neighbors: Reflections on an Exhibition**' was held at the IAB Office on January 9, 2025. Architects, researchers and related professionals participated in it.

Philip Ursprung, Professor of Art and Architectural History and former Dean of the Department of Architecture at ETH Zurich, delivered the lecture.

It discusses the architectural presentation of the Swiss Pavilion at the 2023 Venice Architecture Biennale and its relationship with the Venezuelan Pavilion (Carlos Scarpa).

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Philip Ursprung

Neighbours: Reflections on an Exhibition

Synopsis of Lecture
The topic of the Swiss Pavilion for the 2023 Architecture Biennale in Venice was "Neighbours." It refers to the spatial proximity of the Pavilion of Switzerland (Bruno Giacometti) and Venezuela (Carlos Scarpa), both built in the early 1950s. They share a wall. For the duration of the exhibition, this wall is opened. The iron gates closing the pavilion are removed. The combined ground plans of the two pavilions are depicted on a carpet. Rather than serving as a backdrop for architectural representation, the pavilion exhibits itself. Which are the specificities of an architecture exhibition? How can one convey a message if the average attention span of visitors is 30 seconds? Have exhibitions taken over the role of architecture theory?

Philip Ursprung is Professor of the History of Art and Architecture and formerly Dean of the Department of Architecture of ETH Zurich.

Date: 9 January, 2025 Thursday
Venue: Berger Hall, IAB Centre
Time: 6:00pm

CPD (Continuing Professional Development) on "Block Development: Experience, Challenges & Opportunities"

On 18 February 2025 (Tuesday) at 5:00 PM, CPD (Continuing Professional Development) course titled "Block Development: Experience, Challenges and Opportunities" was held at the IAB premises.

The session was conducted by Ar. M. Wahid Asif, Secretary (Profession), Ar. Abu Anas Faisal, and Ar. Md. Didarul Islam Bhuiyan. Ar. Saida Akhter, Secretary (Seminars and Conventions) moderated the event. 86 architects participated in the event.



The course explains in detail the basic planning and implementation of block-based development. Its role in urban planning, architectural challenges, and its key benefits are highlighted. The discussion also covered DAP policy, technical and legal aspects of development. Participants shared their practical experiences with everyone through open discussions.



The event concluded with a Q&A session, where participants gained valuable insights into block-based development and its application in architectural practice.

CPD (Continuing Professional Development) on "Basic Understanding of STEPS to Accessible Means of Egress: Ensuring Safety and Accessibility"

To promote the architectural profession, a CPD course titled "Basic Understanding of STEPS to Accessible Means of Egress: Ensuring Safety and Accessibility" was held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM at the IAB premises.



The session, moderated by Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif, discussed safe exit routes, accessibility, and building safety principles. 72 architects participated in the event and gained a clear understanding of the topics through question-and-answer sessions and exercises.

At the end of the session, Architect Ahsanul Haque Rubel and Architect Kazi Shamima Sharmin presented the guest with a crest of appreciation.

This CPD course is expected to help architects gain practical knowledge on ensuring safety and accessibility in building design.

CPD (Continuing Professional Development) Workshop on Building Construction Rules 1996

A CPD (Continuing Professional Development) Workshop titled "Building Construction Regulations 1996" was held at the IAB Office on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.



Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif and Ar. Chowdhury Saiduzzaman Rozen were present as speakers at the event. They discussed the basic structure of the Building Construction Rules 1996, its impact on architecture and urban planning, and the relevance of the rules in professional practice.



Members of the Residential Architects Association were present at the CPD, where a detailed discussion and question and answer session was held on various sections of the Building Construction Code, its changes, and the challenges and possibilities of implementation.

The entire CPD Workshop was moderated by Ar. Saida Akhter Mumu, Secretary (Seminars and Conventions) of the 26th Executive Council.

At the end of the program, Ar. Md. Wahid Asif, Secretary (Profession) of the 26th Executive Council of IAB, presented the guests with honorary crests.

CPD (Continuing Professional Development) on “Construction Techniques for Multiple Basements”

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, a CPD (Continuing Professional Development) titled “Construction Techniques for Multiple Basements” was held at the IAB Office.



Renowned Engr. Md. Shamsul Alam, Managing Director and Principal Structural Engineer, The Designers and Managers (TDM) Ltd., was present as the trainer in the CPD session. He discussed in detail the structural challenges of constructing multipurpose basements in multi-storey buildings, construction technologies, groundwater management and methods to ensure sustainability. Approximately 80 IAB member architects participated in the CPD, where detailed discussions and

question and answer sessions were held on modern basement construction technologies, construction safety, and design techniques consistent with building codes.



The CPD was moderated by the 26th Executive Council Secretary (Profession) Architect M. Wahid Asif and Secretary (Seminars and Conventions) Architect Saida Akhter Mumu. Also present was IAB Secretary (Publication and Publicity) Ar. Shafiul Azam Shamim. At the end of the CPD, IAB 26th Executive Council President Architect Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed presented the guest with a crest of appreciation and declared the CPD concluded with a vote of thanks.

OPEN DISCUSSION ON DAP AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION RULES

An open discussion was held with all members at the IAB office on March 22, 2025 to discuss the ongoing activities related to "Detailed Area Plan 2022-35" (DAP) and Building Construction Rules amendments and the future plans of IAB.



IAB President Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed Mostaque Ahmed were present in the discussion meeting.

CPD on “BNBC 2020: Overview on General Building Requirements”

A CPD Course titled “BNBC 2020: Overview on General Building Requirements” was held at the IAB Office on Saturday, April 19, 2025.

Approximately 80 IAB Member Architects participated in the CPD, and a question-and-answer session and exchange of views was held among the participants on the application of various sections and subsections of BNBC 2020, its relevance to current design and construction realities, and future directions.



The CPD was moderated by Architect Saida Akhter Mumu, Secretary (Seminars and Convention) of the 26th Executive Council. IAB Secretary (Membership) Ahsanul Haque Rubel also present at the CPD.

Seminar Series on “Earthquake Risk Sensitive Land Use Planning and Earthquake Resilience for Greater Dhaka Zone”

Date : 1st May, 2025



CPD on “BNBC 2020: Overview on General Building Requirements”

An important CPD (Continuing Professional Development) session titled “**BNBC 2020: Overview on General Building Requirements**” was held at the Institute of Architects Bangladesh on 6th May 2025. Architect Nafizur Rahman was the keynote speaker in this session. He presented a detailed discussion on the requirements of general buildings, architectural safety, functionality, minimum design criteria, energy efficiency, and sustainable architecture in light of BNBC 2020.



Along with the discussion, a question and answer and exchange session was held, where the use of the sections and subsections of BNBC 2020, its relevance in the current context, and future steps were discussed.

CPD on “Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct”

An important CPD (Continuing Professional Development) session titled “**Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct**” was held at the Institute of Architects Bangladesh on 10th May 2025.



This is the second CPD on this topic. After the first event with 80 members, this time another 86 members were requested to participate in the event via email from among the registered members.



Architect Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury was present as the keynote speaker in this session. He presented a detailed discussion on the need for ideals and ethics in the architectural profession and the application of the law in light of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, the role and duties of architects in different contexts, the obligations of architects in different workplaces, legal and illegal activities, minimum wage standards, etc.

CPD on "Basic Understanding of STEPS to Accessible Means of Egress: Ensuring Safety and Accessibility"

An important CPD session titled "Basic Understanding of STEPS to Accessible Means of Egress: Ensuring Safety and Accessibility" was held at the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) on 27 May 2025 to promote the practice of architecture.



Ar. Dewan Shamsul Arif was the keynote speaker in this session, which discussed safe exit routes, accessibility and building safety policies. Get a clear understanding of the topics through Q&A and exercises. This CPD course is expected to be helpful for architects in gaining practical knowledge on ensuring safety and accessibility in building design.

CPD on "Imarat Nirman Bidhimala 1996"

To improve architectural practice, an important Continuing Professional Development (CPD) session titled "Building Construction Regulations 1996" was held at the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) on June 17, 2025.



This is the second CPD session organized by the 26th Executive Council. 80 members attended the first session, and 81 newly registered members were invited to attend the second session via email.

The keynote speaker of the session was Architect Chowdhury Saiduzzaman. He discussed in detail the basic structure of the Building Construction Rules 1996, its impact on architecture and urban planning, and the relevance of the rules in professional practice.

The architects present in the session discussed the various sections of the regulations, their changes, and the challenges and possibilities of implementation. In addition, the participants gained a clear understanding of the issues through a question and answer session.

CPD on “Construction Techniques for Multiple Basements”

A CPD (Continuing Professional Development) titled “Construction Techniques for Multiple Basements” was held at the IAB Office on June 24, 2025.

This is the second CPD on this topic. After the first event with 80 members, this time another 80 members were requested to participate in the event through email from among the registered members.



Renowned Engineer Md. Shamsul Alam, Managing Director and Principal Structural Engineer, The Designers and Managers (TDM) Ltd., was present as the trainer in the CPD session.

He discussed in detail the structural challenges of constructing multipurpose basements in multi-storey buildings, construction technologies, groundwater management, and methods to ensure sustainability.

This course provides architects with important guidance on the challenges of basement construction, practical practices for developing construction technology, planning, and policy making, which is expected to be helpful in gaining practical knowledge in building design for architects.

CPD on “Traffic Circulation Certificate and Traffic Impact Assessment”

On Tuesday, July 1, 2025, a timely CPD (Continuing Professional Development) course titled “Traffic Circulation Certificate and Traffic Impact Assessment” was held at IAB Center. The main objective of this course was to enhance the professional capacity of architects on traffic and road safety policies in the context of urbanization.



In this session, which was attended by about 80 architects, the trainers discussed in detail the basic concepts of Traffic Circulation Certificate (TCC) and Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA), relevant policies, approval steps, and the structure of DTCA.

They highlighted the need for incorporating transportation planning at the project level, the transportation impact of development projects in densely populated cities, and traffic analysis in planned urbanization. The discussion became more meaningful in light of real examples and work experiences.

In this CPD session, participants gain a comprehensive understanding of the complexities, possibilities and opportunities that arise in the practical application of TCC and TIA processes. The course concludes with a Q&A and open discussion.

CPD on “Façade Design in Practice: From Concept to Performance”

An important CPD (Continuing Professional Development) session titled “Façade Design in Practice: From Concept to Performance” was held at the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) office on 29th July 2025.



This course was timely and very necessary, considering the role and potential of modern facade design in the architectural profession. The session was conducted with the first 62 architects from

among the registered members. The CPD session was conducted by S. M. Mizanur Rahman, Principal Architect of Aerie Patio.

He presents a comprehensive discussion based on practical experience and knowledge at every stage of facade design, from the conceptual stage to its performance analysis. The discussion phase of the session covered the conceptualization of facade design, selection of appropriate materials, climatic performance, compliance with building codes and regulations, use of modern construction technologies, and examples of domestic and foreign projects.

CPD on “Sustainability through the Lens of LEED”

On Sunday, August 3, 2025, an important CPD (Continuing Professional Development) session titled “Sustainability through the Lens of LEED” was held at the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) office.

The course was organized to enhance the skills of architects in sustainable design and implementation of environmentally friendly projects in line with international standards. The first 86 architects out of 99 registered members participated in the session.

The session discussed various LEED categories and criteria, green building design, energy and water efficiency, material usage principles, indoor environmental quality, and the project certification process.



Trainer Engineer Mahendra provided participants with insights into the strategies and challenges of implementing sustainable design through examples and real-world experiences from his own projects. This CPD has served as an important platform for architects to pursue international standards of sustainable architecture, which is expected to be helpful in LEED-based planning in future development projects.

COMPETITION

Briefing Session for the Andarkilla Jame Mosque Design Competition

On February 3, 2025, a briefing session for the Andarkilla Jame Mosque Design Competition was held at the IAB hall.

The event was attended by Abdul Salam Khan, Director-General of the Islamic Foundation, Architect Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, President of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), and Architect M. Wahid Asif, Secretary (Profession). The session was conducted by Architect Kamrul Hasan, the Competition Director.

During the session, detailed presentations about the project and its guidelines were made. A question-and-answer session followed, allowing participants to raise queries and discuss the competition in more detail.



The Awards Gala of 6th Edition of the "KSRM Awards for Future Architects":

The 6th edition of the "KSRM Awards for Future Architects: Best Undergraduate Thesis" awards gala was held at the Multipurpose Hall of the IAB Center on April 26, 2025.



Mr. Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan, Honorable Advisor in Charge of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, was present as the Chief Guest at the event organized under the Chairmanship of IAB President Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed and presented the prizes to the winners.



In his speech, Architect Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed highlighted the multidimensional and people-oriented activities of architects and drew the attention of the Honorable Advisor to involve them more actively in the national development process. The Chief Guest's speech encouraged architects to adopt sustainable design processes and emphasized the use of different perspectives to solve problems. In this 2025 edition, 44 projects were submitted from 15 recognized architectural departments. The jury board selected three projects as winners and two projects as commendations.

AWARDS

Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Open Design Competition for Andarkilla Jame Mosque

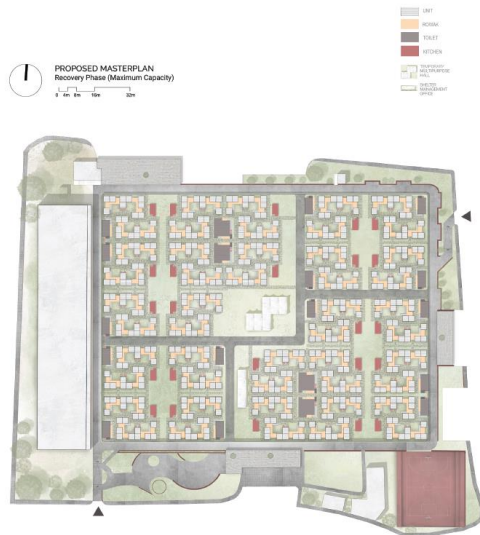
The award ceremony of the Open Design Competition for the Andarkilla Jame Mosque in Chittagong, organized under the supervision of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh, was held at the Multipurpose Hall of the IAB Center on Monday, March 24, 2025.



The event was attended by IAB President Ar. Professor Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, Advisor to the Ministry of Religious Affairs Mr. A. F. M. Khalid Hossain, Director General of the Islamic Foundation Mr. A. Salam Khan, Jury Ar. Mahmudul Anwar Riyad, Jury Ar. Istiaq Zahir, EC Members and Competition Director Ar. Kamrul Hasan. A total of 55 projects were submitted to this competition, including 6 award-winning projects.

IAB MEMBERS' AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SOCIAL FILES:

IAB Member, architect Saika Iqbal Meghna (AI-080), has been honored as Foreign Countries' Architect of the Year at the 34th JK Architect of the Year Awards!



This project proposes a solution for rapid rehabilitation and temporary shelter provision in old areas of Dhaka after earthquakes or other disasters.

The research proposes to select an open field and build a portable and sustainable shelter structure that can be used as a shelter in emergency situations.

EXHIBITION

Inauguration of the exhibition of participating projects in the 11th Cycle of the Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture (BAA).

On January 02, 2025, the opening ceremony of the exhibition of the 11th Cycle of the Berger Award for Excellence in Architecture (BAA) was held at the Multipurpose Hall, IAB Centre. The exhibition was open for visitors daily from 3 PM to 8 PM till January 6, 2025.

In this opening ceremony, the president of IAB, Ar. Professor Dr. Abu Saeed M. Ahmed and Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited Chief Operating Officer and Director Mohsin Habib Chowdhury were present. The General Secretary of IAB Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, Assistant General Secretary Ar. Dr. Nowroz Fatemi, Secretary, Publication & Publicity Ar. Md. Shafiu Azam Shamim was also present at this time.



Also, 11th cycle Award Director Architect Asia Karim, Deputy Award Director Ar. Abu Musa Iftexhar and Ar. Nazifa Tabassum and the Judges of the 11th Cycle include Ar. Abu Haider Imamuddin, Ar.

Bayezid Mahbub Khandkar and Ar. Tamanna Sayeed, Chief Business Officer of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited Abul Kashem Mohammad Sadek Newaz and Chief Marketing Officer A.T.M. Shamim uz Zaman and many other architects and guests were present.

Exhibition opening ceremony of the projects participating in the open design competition for the Andarkilla Jame Mosque

On January 19, 2025, the exhibition opening ceremony of the projects participating in the open design competition for the Andarkilla Jame Mosque in Chittagong, under the supervision of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh, was held at the Multipurpose Hall of the IAB Center. This exhibition is open to visitors from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM daily until January 24, 2025.



The inauguration ceremony was attended by IAB President Ar. Professor Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Religious Affairs Md. A. Awal Hawlader, and Director General of the Islamic Foundation A. Salam Khan.

Also present at the time were IAB Vice President (National Affairs) Ar. Noajish Mahbub, General Secretary Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, Assistant General Secretary Ar. Dr. Md. Nowroz Fatemi, Secretary (Profession) Ar. Md. Wahid Asif, Secretary (Publication and Publicity) Ar. Md. Shafiul Azam Shamim, Secretary (Seminar and Convention) Ar. Saida Akhter.

Also present were former president of IAB, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, Competition Director Ar. Kamrul Hasan, Director of the Islamic Foundation, Mohammad Bazlur Rashid, and many other architects and guests.



The exhibition showcases 55 projects from the competition, including 6 award-winning projects: AGE & EDGE architecture studio won first place in the competition. Spatial Architects and Form.3 Architects won second and third place respectively. Native Works also won the first commendation award in the competition. Ground One won the second commendation award, and Ahmed Hossain Architects and Associates won the third commendation award.

Congratulations and best wishes to all the architects who won and participated in the competition on behalf of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh.

KEY ISSUES FACING THE ARCHITECTS/ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION/INSTITUTE IN THE COUNTRY:

A joint meeting between the IAB and the Land Owners Association regarding DAP and Building Construction Rules

A joint meeting between the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) and the Land Owners Association was held at the institute office premises on 9 March 2025 regarding amendments to the DAP and Building Construction Rules.



IAB Holds Open Meeting on DAP and Building Construction Regulations 2025

An open meeting was held by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) to resolve the confusion surrounding the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) and the Building Construction Regulations 2025, and to discuss the current situation. The meeting took place on March 22, 2025 at the IAB office.

IAB President Architect Professor Dr. Abu Sayeed M. Ahmed and Secretary (Profession) Architect M. Wahid Asif spoke at the event. They explained the current status of DAP and the Building Construction Regulations, and presented the steps that IAB has taken in this regard.

Vice President (National Affairs) Architect Nowajish Mahbub, General Secretary Architect Professor Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, and Secretary (Environment & Urbanization) Architect Dr. Khurshid Zabin Hossain Taufique (Utpul) also participated in the presentations.

Following the presentations, a Q&A session was held, where feedback from the members was collected, and they were requested to support IAB from their respective positions.

IAB President emphasized that working together would lead to even greater success and assured that IAB values transparency. He further stated that any important developments will be shared with the members immediately.



Resources of the Institute

IAB's resources include:

- Funding Sources: Membership subscriptions, event sponsorships, training programs, consultancy collaborations, and grants from international partners.
- Publications: IAB Newsletter, research reports, design guidelines, and monographs documenting Bangladesh's architectural achievements.
- Digital Archives: Online repositories of award-winning projects, policy papers, architectural competitions, and educational resources.
- Facilities: IAB headquarters with training rooms, gallery/exhibition space, library, and digital media support; expanding regional chapter facilities.

The Institute's Efforts to Implement ARCASIA Resolutions Adopted in Past Council Meetings

In alignment with ARCASIA's resolutions on ESG, SDGs, and AI adoption, IAB has:

- Conducted multiple seminars and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) sessions for members on sustainability, green building, climate resilience, and AI applications in design.
- Established a Sustainable & Green Building Committee to develop guidelines, promote ESG principles, and support green certification practices.

- Integrated SDG-focused topics into architectural events, emphasizing SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 4 (Quality Education).
- Initiated professional discussions on the ethical use of AI, intellectual property protection, and integration into design workflows.

Plans for the Future

- Enactment of the Architects Law with IAB as the official licensing and registration authority.
- Expanded Regional Outreach through new chapters to engage members outside Dhaka.
- International Partnerships with ARCASIA members, UIA committees, and global green building networks.
- Competitions & Awards focusing on sustainable, inclusive, and affordable architecture.
- CPD Enhancement with advanced training on ESG, SDGs, AI, and emerging construction technologies.

Any Other Important Issues Requiring ARCASIA Council's Attention

- Regional support for the successful implementation of the Architects Law in Bangladesh.
- Joint initiatives on climate adaptation strategies for vulnerable coastal and riverine regions.
- Collaboration in developing AI guidelines and negotiating affordable access to architectural software for member institutes.
- Opportunities for knowledge sharing on ESG best practices and green building certification across ARCASIA members.