

Alaap, a Bengali word meaning casual conversation, is a regular forum of the Department for discussions on architectural and allied fields. It mostly takes place on Tuesday afternoons at the premise of Department of Architecture in the Seminar room in BUET Auditorium Complex.

Alaap aims at broadening the sphere of academic activity beyond the classroom. As such, this informal forum complements the academic curriculum and acts as a vehicle for the exchange of ideas and information. Slide shows and lectures by teachers, professionals and related experts are being delivered in Alaap; discussions that follow are enthusiastically participated by all. Speakers of international and national repute with diversified experience and expertise have delivered lectures through this forum.



LECTURE SERIES

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EXHIBITION

The Department regularly arranges exhibition of student's selected works. In addition, the students of various levels and terms display their studio projects periodically in the lounge. Events of this nature aim to generate consciousness about architecture and state of academic output among academia and people.

In recent years Berger Award for the students of architecture, BUET is organizing exhibition of the students' work and Seven Rings Study Tour programme is arranging Photography Exhibition regularly. Besides, in February 2012, an exhibition was held while hosting the international seminar on "Architecture: Education, Practice and Research". In March 2007, another exhibition was held as part of the international seminar titled 'Architecture for the Economically Disadvantaged' at departmental premise. In 2003, along with the seminar on 'Architecture Overcoming Constraints', the Department organized an exhibition at Hotel Sheraton (currently Ruposhi Bangla Hotel).



Students of the department have excelled in national and international design competitions. In 2015, students from final year won third prize of International Design Competition organized by CAA and RIBA . In the same year, students from second year won first prize of ICON International Student Design Competition. In Holcim Award 2014, entry secured second prize in the "Next Generation" category. In 2012, another entry secured first position at quick sketching competition at ARCASIA Student JAMBUREE, Bali and entries in the national competition organized by Khulna University secured top two positions. In 2010, department's entries to ARCASIA won top two positions and became the second winner for the "Holcim Green Built Bangladesh, 2010" Contest. Group of students of the Department achieved the 01 Star Award winning entry in the CAA Eighth International Student Competition 2010. In 2006, a student design competition for a sustainable sports centre participated from a numerous countries around the world for the Commonwealth Association of Architects, 4 entries from this Department were ranked within the first 20 best entries among more than 190 entries received, from all over the world. In 1994, department's entry to the CAA won the First Prize. In 1989, entries secured Honourable Mentions in the Students Jamboree of Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA). Student entries in Mimar Design Competitions IV, V and VI were awarded as Winners, Highly Commended and Commended.

Design competitions on various topics are organized by the Department from time to time for students of architecture with a great deal of enthusiasm. Recently the department organized an Open Architectural Design Competition for "Dhaka Bishwa Biddalay Shadhinata Sriti Shoudha at Dhaka University", which was again participated by numerous students from all levels. 'Urban Oasis' is another worth mentioning Competition of the recent times in which students of Architecture Department achieved the first prize and Honorary mention. In 2012, the department organized a student design competition named "Dwelling Unit 2062", as part of the 50 Years celebration of the Department . "Design of the Street" was another student design competition organized in June, 2003. Students of architecture from different universities in Bangladesh participated in this competition. The Jury included academic and professional architects and awarded first prize to an entry from this Department.

DESIGN COMPETITION 6.8



6.9 SPONSORED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES



Berger Award Programme for the Students of Architecture BUET

In collaboration with Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology BUET, Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited organizes Berger Award Programme for the Students of Architecture BUET (BASAB), starting from the 2007-2008 cycle. The event aims to benefit the students by awarding them for their outstanding performance in architectural design throughout an academic cycle.

Recently Berger Paints, is offering travel grants to students of the department on a competitive basis for study tours with specific academic aims.

Seven Rings Cement Study Tour Programme

To enhance learning and exposure in the field of Architectural Education and Research, the Department arranges 'Seven Rings Cement Study Tour Programme' for students of Architecture, BUET since 2010, with the sponsorship of Seven Circle (Bangladesh) Ltd. The department is successfully arranging Half Day, One Day and Extended Study Tours/Trips for the students of Architecture, BUET. These study trips are accompanied by respective studio teachers and few departmental staffs.

