

Department of Architecture Arranged Seminar on 'A Talk by Marina Tabassum'

A seminar titled 'A Talk by Marina Tabassum', was held on 17th of September, 2019, organized by 'Seminar & Workshop Organizing Committee' of Department of Architecture, at Prof. M.H. Khan Auditorium, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology.

The iconic personality of Bangladeshi Architecture and the Winner of Aga Khan Award 2016, Ar. Marina Tabassum was the honorable speaker of this noteworthy seminar. She is one of the prominent architects of Bangladesh, who already established herself as a discrete remarkability in architectural arena. From academic segment in Harvard University Graduate School of Design to architectural domain in Bangladesh, Ar. Marina Tabassum is equally keeping her trace as an inspiring personality.



Assistant Professor of Department of Architecture Abontika Sara Israt hosted and introduced Ar. Marina Tabassum in a houseful jovial environment. Ar. Marina Tabassum started the speech with her unique philosophy for understanding architecture with 'Time and Place' and explained elaborately how our architecture should be responsive to our context, climate and environment as well. Her unique works, especially the context oriented outcomes has strongly established exceptionality in her profession. Among her notable works, she highlighted some of her commended projects, such as; Award Winning Bait-ur-Rouf Mosque and Museum of Independence, Panigram Resort and many more to set examples for the future architects.

This lecture was very inspirational for the audience, particularly the young professionals and students. A knowledgeable discussion session was also carried out by Prof. Abu H Imamuddin, Former head of the Department of Architecture, BUET and Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, NSU. In such motivational discussion, Ar. Marina Tabassum expressed her inspiration of architecture from early Bengal architecture and discussed about the changing trends of practice in the field of architecture with respected discussants. Her motivational speech was highly appreciated by the audience.

The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Shehzad Zahir, Head Department of Architecture, AUST. The seminar was blessed with the presence of Prof. Dr. Kazi Shariful Alam, Vice Chancellor AUST as a Chief Guest and Prof. Dr. M. A. Muktaadir, Dean, Faculty of Architecture and Planning, AUST as a Special Guest. At the beginning of the event Senior Manager Ibrahim Khalil from Shah Cement gave a presentation. The hall was fully engaged with the noteworthy presence of faculty members of different departments, officials of AUST, Students, Alumni, and young professional Architects and Officials from Shah Cement. At last, the program was wrapped up with crest giving ceremony by Prof. Dr. Shehzad Zahir to our honorable Speaker Ar. Marina Tabassum in a fully crowded celebratory hall. A representative from Shah Cement was presented a unique crest to our renowned presenter. Our respected discussants were also presented crests and honored by Head of Department of Architecture, AUST. Finally, Prof Dr. M. A. Muktaadir gave the vote of thanks to all in his concluding speech.



This successful program was organized by 'Seminar & Workshop Organizing Committee', Department of Architecture of AUST. Special thanks goes to Convener, Prof. Dr. Shehzad Zahir and Ar. Naimul Aziz, Ar. Abontika Sara Israt, Ar. Sheikh Rishad Ahmmad, Ar. S. M. Arafat Hossain, Ar. Farjana Rahman, Ar. Ishrat Momtaz Badhan. A group of student volunteers from Department of Architecture were also highly involved in organizing this excellent program. The seminar was generously sponsored by 'Shah Cement' - one of the largest cement producing industries in Bangladesh.