

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DESIGN COMPETITION

Architecture students display an array of innovative designs

CITY CORRESPONDENT

"Bangladeshi architecture is now focused on the rich. Competition with focus on the poor is most welcome. It will encourage architects to do more for the rural population of our country," said Dr A Matin Patwari, vice chancellor, University of Asia Pacific (UAP). He was speaking at the inaugural ceremony of Seventh International Students' Design Competition 2006 took place yesterday at the premises of UAP. A total of 190 students of architecture from 38 countries, including Bangladesh, submitted innovative designs based on the theme 'A small sustainable sports centre that will serve as a focus for a poor community'.

Students of architecture from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), North South University, UAP, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology and other private universities thronged the exhibition hall to admire the innovative designs.

Dr Hafiz GA Siddiqi, vice chancellor, NSU, said that, such competitions should be held more frequently since competition in all fields brings out the best potentials of the people.

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designs of sports facilities, HOK, put emphasis on further initiatives for improvements of cricket facilities of Bangladesh. He said that sports can break barriers.

The top three awards were won by New Zealand, South Korea, South Africa and Hungary. Twenty-one designs selected for special display in Australia next month among which 5 are from Bangladesh done by architecture students of Buet.

The ceremony was jointly inaugurated by Dr AMM Safiullah, vice chancellor, Buet; Dr Hafiz GA Siddiqi, vice chancellor, NSU and Dr A Matin Patwari, vice chancellor, UAP.

Also present were representatives of Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) Peter Davey, former editor of the Architectural Review; Geraint

John, specialist in designs of sports facilities, HOK; Prof Shamsul Wares, UAP and Mubassher Hossain, president of Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB).

The competition was organised by CAA and hosted by IAB. The exhibition will continue till March 28, 2007 from 2pm to 8pm in the second floor of UAP at Dhanmondi.



Geraint John (left) explains an architectural design to the experts and visitors at the exhibition.

Unfair fare hikes crush

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A traffic sergeant at Karwan Bazar was asked what he would do if a passenger complained about bus fare. He said, "I can't do anything because I wasn't provided with any approved fare chart or wasn't trained to deal with bus fare issues."

Golam Murshid Pintu, assistant general secretary of Bangladesh Bus Truck Owners' Association, told Star City that he did not have any clear idea of who is to monitor the bus fare issues. According to the rules, Bangladesh Road Transport Authority's (BRTA) duty is only to fix bus fares for each route.

However, BRTA should provide approved fare charts to bus services and it must be made mandatory for the bus operators to hang that chart in each bus so that the passengers are aware of the fares fixed by the government, added Pintu.

Despite several attempts, this correspondent failed to reach

Hamid Sharif, convener of Urban Transport Companies Association of Bangladesh for his comments on the ongoing anomalies regarding bus fares in the city.

On the Motijheel Duaripara route, a bus service named Karnaphuli has been overcharging its passengers. To travel from Duaripara, Mirpur 10 to Kazipara or Shewrapara, the bus service is forcing the passengers to pay for travelling upto Farmgate.

Furthermore, the bus service does not ensure seating against its tickets. Although it stops at every stoppage where local buses stop, it charges extra Tk 2 on each ticket

On Pallabi-Gulistan and Pallabi-Motijheel route, a route where the distance is almost the same, it was found that the two bus companies were following different fare charts.

On MotijheelJirani Bazar route, bus operators charge Tk 20 for a trip from Technical crossing to Jirani,

but shockingly, they charge Tk 25 for the return trip.

A BRTA official said, "Nobody lodged any complaint against any such irregularities to us. If anyone files any complaint, we will take steps against the bus services after investigation."

When asked if the BRTA is supposed to monitor the bus fares, he said, "No, it is not our responsibility. Fixing the fares according to the route plan is our only responsibility."

In 2002, two-stroke three-wheelers were phased out and around 3,000 minibuses and 1,400 CNG-run buses took their places to meet the growing demand of city commuters.

"Introduction of CNG-run buses has failed to reduce bus fares because transport management of the city was left unmonitored," The official observed.

Busy playground

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"Every day local boys play cricket on the ground. Aspiring cricketers do their net practice on the ground and in the evening many senior citizens have their daily walks," Abdullah said.

Mohammad Hanif, president of Bangladesh National Weavers Association also expressed his 'dissatisfaction' over the selection of the playground for the fair in which members of his association participate every year.

"We could not hold the fair at the national parade ground as there are other programmes there on the Independence Day. A site selection committee in fact chose the venue for which the police have also permitted," said Hanif.

The trend to hold various fairs on city playgrounds for months every year came to a halt in 2003 when the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) formally decided not to allow any event, other than sports, on the playgrounds. Even traditional Eid cattle markets have not been allowed on playgrounds ever since. Since the Public Works Department under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works maintains the T&T playground, it has allowed the event unilaterally.

A road of public suffering

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digging the roads in the city, they do not explain the reason and mention the date for completing the job -- which is another violation of the guideline.

A Rajuk official said, "The service agencies never complete their work on time."

"Since PGCB is a government organisation, we cannot push it to complete its work within the specific time," added the official.

Sirajul Islam, project director of PGCB, however said the work is taking longer to be completed as it is "too technical."

Rajuk and DCC have finally reached a conclusion over the road. According to their decision, DCC will first repair the portion of the road that was dug up by a private mobile phone operator with DCC approval. Rajuk will then repair parts of the road dug up by PGCB and Titas.

While these three agencies -- Rajuk, DCC, and PGCB -- bicker over the repair work of the road, the condition of the road has been getting worse day by day. Large holes appeared on different points the road. The trenches and diggings done by the agencies left the road too narrow for easy

movement of traffic.

The sufferings of people get worse if a vehicle is stuck in the holes or trenches causing immense traffic jam. This has been a common scenario on the road for over a year.

Unplanned road digging by utility service agencies on this road only added to the sufferings of the city dwellers, especially the locals. The diggings caused numerous nuisances for the locals including severe sewer and rainwater stagnation, dust hazard and unbearable bumpy rides on the road.

Ali Ahmed, a resident of Badda, said people of the area had been suffering for months due to the diggings. Tailbacks are now a daily matter on the road while holes and trenches filled with rainwater turn risky for its users. Furthermore, when it's dry, the area is covered with a cloud of dust.

Every now and then, vehicles and people fall in the holes and trenches on this road, said Hakim, another Badda resident.

TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

**News Bulletin**

**BTV**

News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am,12:10 pm. 2:00 pm. 3:00 pm. 4:00 pm. 7:00 pm.

News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm.5:00 pm.8:00 pm.

News (English) at 3:00 pm.10:00 pm.

Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

**CHANNEL-i**

News (Bangla) at 7:15 am. 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm, 12:15 am.

**ATN BANGLA**

News (Bangla) at 7:00 am.10:00am. 2:00 pm. 7:00 pm. 10:00 pm, 11pm.

News (English) 8:20am,7:00pm

Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 a.m.10:40 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

**CHANNEL 1**

News (Bangla) at 8:00am. 12:00pm. 2:30pm. 6:30pm. 7:30pm. 10:00pm. 12:30am.

**BANGLAVISION**

News (Bangla) at 8:00am. 2:00pm. 6:00pm. 7:15pm. 10:30pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00pm

News Headlines (English) at 9:05pm

**BTv**

08:45 Independence Day Parade

11:15 Musical Programme

12:00 Special Programme

12:30 Special Drama

01:00 Shukhi Poribar

01:30 Mati O Manush

02:15 Sisimpur

02:40 Desher Gaan

03:05 Bangla Feature Film: Joyjatra

06:10 Special Children's Programme

06:40 Dolon Chapra

08:30 Protidin Bangladesh

08:35 Musical Programme

09:00 Drama: Akasher Kachhey Bari

**ATN Bangla**

08:30 Mukti Judhey Bishwa Bibek

12:10 Muktir Kotha

01:30 Mission to Sudan

02:30 Documentary Programme: Mukti Judhey Dhaka Bishyabdalay

03:15 Mohan Swadhinotar

04:20 Atyanushondhan Documentary Programme: Shajong Gram Gonjir Khobor

05:00 Musical Programme

05:10 Children's Programme

05:45 Shaheed Nari

06:20 Drama: Mitur 71

08:00 Meet the Press

08:45 Swadhinota Amar

10:40

**Channel i**

08:05 Wakathan

11:30 Wakathan

12:05 Tritio Matra

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02:30 Special Programme

05:30 Muktijudho Protidin

06:20 Swadhinota Tumi

07:50 Drama: Apod

12:00 GrameenPhone Aker Shangbad Potro

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09:00 Independence Day Parade

06:15 Puppet Show

07:30 Ekatturer Itihashey Nari

08:00 Bhinyo Shor Abhinyo Shur

09:00 Drama: Shotyomontro

11:00 Jonmo Amar Dhonyo Holo

**CHANNEL 1**

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09:30 Chokh Mele Dekhi

10:00 Mukti Judho O Bangladesh

10:30 Drama: Chhochha Kodom

12:05 Drama: Mohor

02:00 Swadhinota Tumi

03:30 Mission to Sudan

04:30 Aporajeo Bangla

06:00 Saaj Bela

06:30 Top News

06:45 Muktir Judho

**Shaljong**

On ATN Bangla at 4:20pm

Special documentary programme on the Freedom fighters of the adibashi community

**Bondi Shibir Theke**

On Banglavisian at 8:15pm

Special Programme on poetry

**STAR PLUS**

09:00 Bolly V - Star Plus

10:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom

11:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar

**STAR WORLD**

08:30 Cheers

09:00 The Simpsons

09:30 Oprah Winfrey Show

10:30 The Apprentice

**DISCOVERY CHANNEL**

09:30 Discovery Biggest Shows

11:30 Junkyard Wars

12:30 Ten Years Younger

01:30 Wild Discovery

02:30 Detective Storeis

03:30 Planet Earth

04:30 Tiger Week

05:30 Wild Safari

06:30 Extreme Machines

07:30 Snake Week

08:30 Mean Machines

09:00 Massive Engines with Chris Barrie

09:30 Future Weapons

10:30 Million 2 One

11:00 Everything you need to know

11:30 Life on the edge

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**

09:30 Artic Kingdom

10:30 Telemall

11:15 Global Sky Shop

11:30 Freemasons On Trial

01:30 Harley Davidson

02:30 Monkey Business

03:00 Hayden Turner's Wildlife

03:30 Artic Kingdom

04:30 School of Hard Crocs

05:00 Nat Geo Genius

06:00 The Devil Boas Of Cozumel

06:30 Artic Kingdom

07:30 Saving Bart

08:30 Air Crash Investigation

09:30 Seconds From Disaster

10:30 Outbreak Investigation

**STAR SPORTS**

09:30 Adventure Tri Series 2006

10:00 Motogg World Championship 2007

01:30 Edf Energy Anglo-Welsh Cup 2006/07

03:30 Hitz

04:00 Gillette World Sport 2007

04:30 Pro Bull Riders Association Built

05:30 World's Strongest Man 2006

06:30 Black Tie Fight Night II

08:30 India Glorious

10:00 Full Toss? Haste Rehna Boss

10:30 Pro Bull Riders Association Built

11:30 Engine Block (Magazine)

**ESPN**

08:30 Glacier Bay

09:30 Artic Kingdom

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