

BTI HOSTS PROGRAMME ON Earthquake and related facts Important for apartment living

An earthquake awareness programme titled 'Earthquake and Related Facts Important for Apartment Living' was sponsored by Building Technology and Ideas, one of the leading real estate developers in Bangladesh. The event took place on September 12, 2015 at the prestigious Istanbul restaurant, Gulshan Dhaka.

The main objective of the event was to create social awareness among the mass people on earthquake. Bangladesh is a country prone to natural calamities such as earthquakes and the effects of earthquake on a developing country like Bangladesh are twofold, not only hindering the development of the country but also threatening to people's lives in general.

The chief guest at the event was the renowned Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury. Also present in the event were high officials of bti including-Faizur Rahman Khan, managing director of bti, Engr. Ahsanul Haque, COOO, Engr. Shariful Rahman, executive director-construction, Noor-E-Alam Siddique, general manager-sales, Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, executive director - marketing.

The event started with the showcasing of an introductory video on earthquake- its causes and effects and safety measures that can be undertaken to minimize the impacts of earthquake in our lives. After that, chief guest Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury took the floor. He highlighted the importance of using high quality materials and following strict guidelines to ensure building of earthquake resistance structures. In his speech, he also appreciated bti for religiously adhering to the BNBC code in its construction which is of paramount importance for earthquake resistance and ensuring the safety of the buildings as well as its dwellers. He further emphasized the use of beams in construction of buildings to reinforce structural strength. bti follows this despite the fact that it is known to decrease the aesthetic aspect of a building just to ensure the quality and safety of their structure.

The event concluded with a Q&A session from the audience who asked relevant questions pertaining to the event, such as what to look for in apartments to ensure it is earthquake safe. Both Professor Dr. Jamilur Reza Choudhury and Mr. Faizur Rahman Khan answered the queries with their expert knowledge on the subject matter.

BUILD FOR THE FUTURE TIPS FOR A FRIENDLIER HOME

Often while building the home of your dreams, you forget a few aspects that can create headache in the future. Therefore, apart from your engineer and architect's suggest, you must also have a checklist that ensures that you take some steps to increase the lifecycle of your building whilst ensuring it serves a more social purpose than one of aesthetics. Here a few low cost suggestions to make your home more environmentally and socially friendly.



be discarded. Rain water should be harvested and it is as pure as your tap water and maybe more. Simple barrels placed in strategic locations can be used if you don't want to splurge in an automated system. This way you can slash your water bill to almost half, unless you pay a fixed amount which many of us do.

Landscaping: Provided you have the space, don't just build the biggest house possible. Think of landscaping. Landscaping isn't just about planting a few trees. It entails much more. For instance, planting trees in areas directly exposed to the sunlight can result in having a natural shade. This shade keeps the area cool in the summer and in the winter as the leaves fall it allows more sunlight to

Leave some space: Sure space is expensive but it is also a limited resource. Don't take up all the land you are allocated. Leave a few feet as breathing space, to plant a few plants or even for a sidewalk. If everyone follows this practice or even a few people in your neighbourhood, then your entire area can look much more lively and spacious. The city is crammed as it is; why should your home be?

Size doesn't matter: Why count your status square feet when too spacious a house only adds to the stress? Plan beforehand in terms of what furniture goes in a room and what the purpose of each room is. That way you can have an idea of how much space each room has. In Bangladesh the tendency is to have 1400 sq feet at the very least regardless of how much utility can be derived from it. A small house means you can manage your

utility bills better and leave less of a carbon footprint.

Lighting: Whether green really is your thing or not, when it comes to lighting you must consider both LED and CFL bulbs. Not only are they cost effective in the long term, they also last longer. So both your electricity bills and your future costs will come down by quite a bit by having these lights than traditional bulbs and tube lights.

Rainwater harvesting: With the amount of rain we have, it is surprising no one harvests rain water. Fear of dengue, the water being dirty and a lot of other reasons are put forward. But they can all

Ventilation: Plan to allow ample space for plenty of ventilation in your home. A well ventilated home is a healthy home, with less dampness meaning a lot less germs and bacteria which thrive in such conditions. It also allows air to flow naturally. When planning ventilation, think natural lights too as windows, ventilation and natural lights all go hand in hand. You will not regret it! There you go! Follow these few tips to make your home an example worth following! Remember, showboating benefits others and has no value for your personally. Choose consciously cautious over callously careless!

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ADDING DEPTH TO DULL SURFACES

You can add depth to flat surfaces by including contrasting diagonal stripes. How do you do that? Use masking tape to lay out lines that you want to paint. A roll will cost 20-40taka. A spray can of your choice will fill in the color you want. Cost of that is under 200tk.

Suggestion: Practice using a spray can if you haven't used one before.

Pro tip: Start moving the can in direction you want to paint before pressing nozzle. When pressed, continue

moving. Let go cap while still moving hand towards other end of the surface to be painted. This will leave even payer.

Level of difficulty: Beginner

Tired of carrying the past with you?



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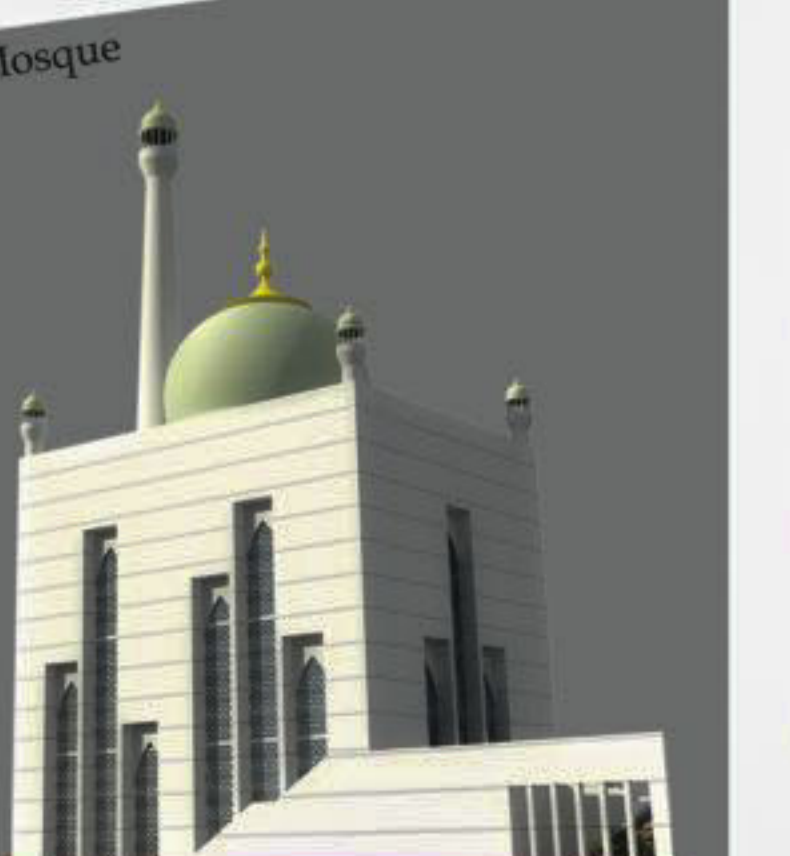
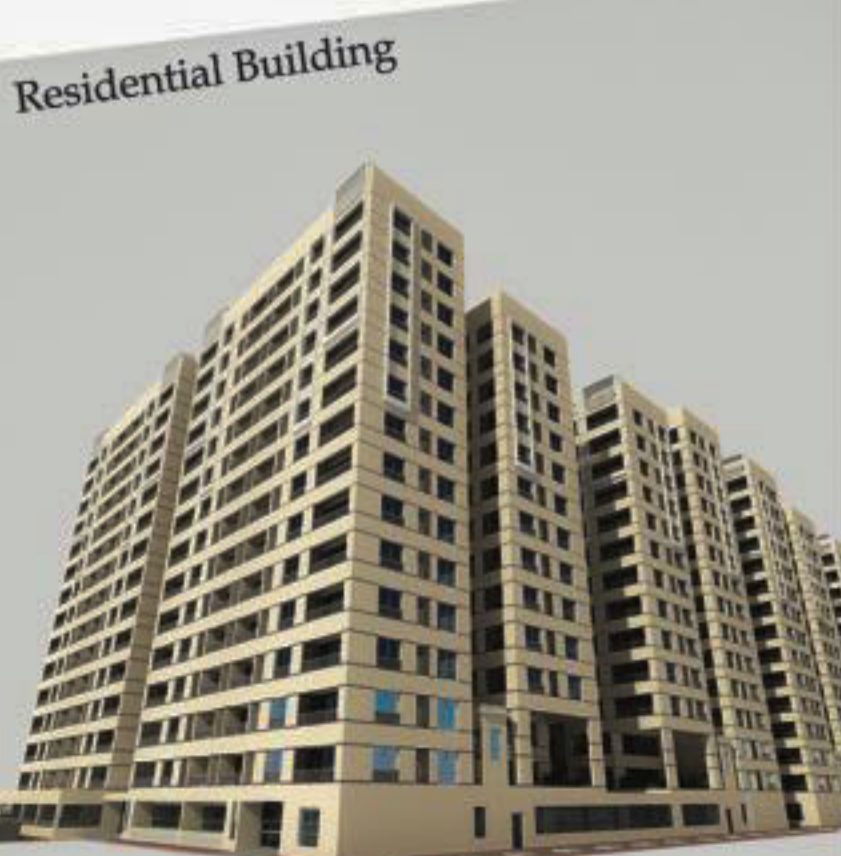
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