

RETHINKING URBAN SPACES DHAKA AND BEYOND

Framing a shared urban vision

How should we better prepare and plan for our growing urban populations?



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Bangladesh can become the world's 28th largest economy by 2030, according to PwC. Goldman Sachs has already listed the country as one the "Next 11" high potential economies of the 21st century. These predictions underscore how Bangladesh has been remarkably transforming itself into a progressive developing country over the past few decades. It has already achieved middle-income status well ahead of 2021, the year that marks 50 years of independence for the country. Bangladesh is now bent on becoming a developed nation by 2041.

While Bangladesh's performance is impressive, achieving sustainable development for long-term and equitable economic growth is both a challenge and a priority. Successfully transforming into a dynamic urban manufacturing-based economy is key to attaining such development, realising the ambitious targets Bangladesh has set for itself and tapping into the potential the country holds for becoming a global



IMAGE: AMIYA DHARA HALDER

economic powerhouse. This requires a strong vision for how cities can sustainably develop and what needs to be done to make this happen.

But why should we focus on cities? So far, Bangladeshi cities have been powering economic growth by contributing significantly to the national GDP. Current migration trends also suggest that more than half of

Bangladesh's population will live in urban areas by 2040. On one hand, highly successful industries like the country's RMG sector are based in expanding urban areas and lucrative employment opportunities are drawing more people into the cities. On the other hand, factors like declines in agricultural growth and adverse climate change impacts are also pushing many

to seek livelihoods outside rural economies. Bangladesh is a signatory to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and discussions emphasise that ensuring sustainable urbanisation is a must for attaining the global goals.

But the urbanisation process has been unplanned. The tolls have been high for inequality and the quality of

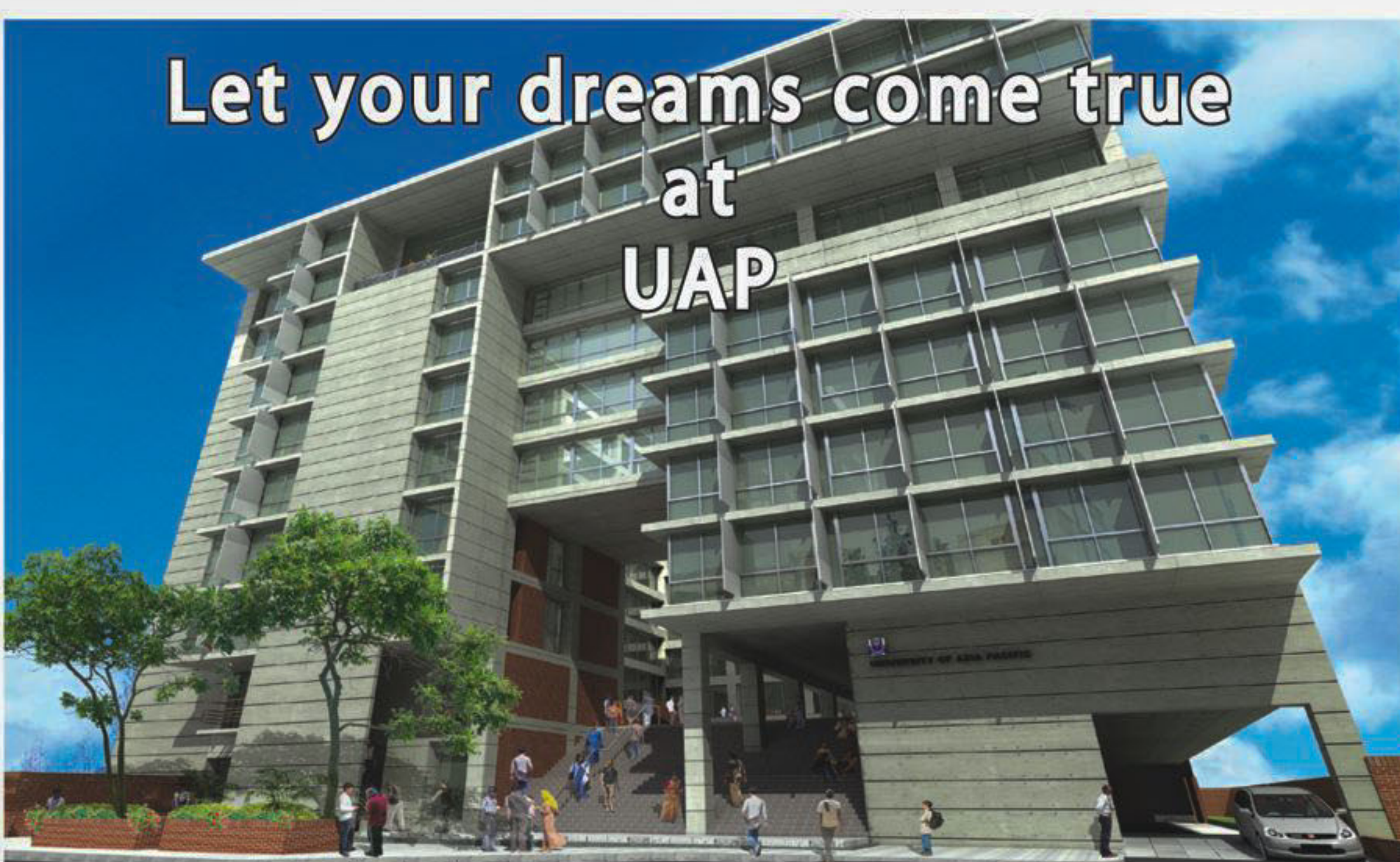
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urban life and environmental degradation from man-made and natural processes is becoming dangerously common-place.

With urbanisation's critical impact on Bangladesh's future growth and development, all these present a strong case for articulating a strong vision for our urban future now. It starts with asking the basics and building on them to create a bigger picture for our cities. How do we make housing more accessible and affordable? How can new and old city residents match their skills to job vacancies? How do we strike a good balance among bike lanes, public and private transport?

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