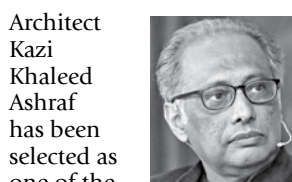


AGA KHAN AWARD Architect Kazi Khaleed Ashraf selected as jury member

CITY DESK



Architect Kazi Khaleed Ashraf has been selected as one of the members of the Master Jury for the 2020-2022 cycle of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, said a press release.

The selection was announced recently. The jury, which independently selects recipients of the USD 1 million award, will convene in January 2022 to select a shortlist from hundreds of nominated architectural projects.

Kazi Khaleed Ashraf is the director-general of Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes and Settlements, in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He is involved in townscape and urban design for several cities and towns in Bangladesh, and is currently directing a multi-disciplinary research project on the Padma river.

After teaching at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and Pratt Institute in the US, Ashraf established Bengal Institute as a major centre of urban investigation and architectural activism.

Ashraf received a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania, master's from MIT, and BArch from Buet in Dhaka.

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Bangladesh-S Korea ties to reach new height: envoy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

As a natural and trustful partner of Bangladesh, South Korea is committed to further contributing to Bangladesh's path towards a bright future, said South Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh Lee Jang-keun yesterday.

He made the remarks at a programme ahead of National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea today, held virtually due to the pandemic, according to a statement from the South Korean embassy in Dhaka.

He wrote to change

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"There is an insight in everything he wrote," commented Serajul Islam Choudhury.

Referring to a passage in the book 'Amar Dekha Rajnitar Ponchash Bochor', he said, "He (Abul Mansur Ahmad) said that the politics of Bengal came to an end when Chittaranjan Das died. Bengal politics then became a part of Indian politics. Had we kept the politics of Bengal separate from that of All India Congress or All India Muslim League, the history of the region would have been different."

"The death of Chittaranjan Das did not only mean that we have lost a great leader, it also meant the leadership that was supposed to keep Bengal politics independent had passed away -- that was the insight of Abul Mansur Ahmad."

"Then came Gandhi, Jinnah and their politics -- but that was not the politics of Bengal, not the politics of the peasants, the politics Abul Mansur Ahmad believed in," said Serajul Islam Choudhury. He urged the youth to dream of changing the world and take action to make that dream come true.

Fakrul Alam, professor of English at Dhaka University, said Abul Mansur Ahmad was an indelible part of history.

If the youth does not learn the history, there is no future of the country, he added.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, delivered the closing speech at the prize giving ceremony.

to the pandemic, according to a statement from the South Korean embassy in Dhaka.

The Korean embassy has prepared a special website for the virtual celebrations which include congratulatory video messages from Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen; Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP; Archbishop George Kocherry, dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Dhaka, and DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam, among others.

Arif Khan, president of Reading Club Trust, was also present at the event, conducted by Emran Mahfuz.

Prior to the award ceremony, a day-long workshop on "Research Editing and Creative Practice" was held with 70 participants. Most of them were award winners from the last four years' essay competitions. Rakhal Raha, editor-in-chief of "Sompadana", Prof Mohammad Azam of Dhaka University and Prof Sumon Sajjad of Jahangirnagar University conducted the workshop.

AWARD WINNERS

Ishita Farzana won the first prize in the category of "Abul Mansur Ahmad and his cultural thoughts" while Asmaul Hussain won second prize and Tasneem Tisha and Mostafizur Rahman jointly received the third prize.

Aziz Sartaj Zayed, Muhammad Nuruddin Shaheed and Sulaiman Mahmud won the first, second and third prizes respectively in the category of "Abul Mansur Ahmad and his nationalism".

Mohammad Muhibullah, Alif Noor Sharmi and Kamrul Hasan Masuk bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively in the category of "Today's Media and Abul Mansur Ahmad's Journalism".

The first prize in each category was Tk 10,000, second prize Tk 5,000 and third prize was a set of books by Abul Mansur Ahmad. Each of the winners received a certificate and a crest.

Book on journo Muniruzzaman to launch tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A commemorative book on late journalist and acting editor of the Daily Sangbad Khandaker Muniruzzaman will be launched tomorrow.



Khandaker Muniruzzaman Smarak Sangkalan committee will launch the book around 3pm at Jatiya Press Club, said a press statement.

Bangla Academy Director General Mohammad Nurul Huda will be chief guest at the programme to be presided over by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Fauzia Moslem.

Freedom fighter Khandaker Muniruzzaman, who upheld progressive ideals, secular politics and freedom of speech, passed away on November 24 last year.

Earlier, he was undergoing treatment at his Shantinagar home after testing positive for Covid-19.

Muniruzzaman was in charge of the editorial department of the Daily Sangbad for many years and was its acting editor since January 2010.

188 hospitalised

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division, two each in Chattogram and Khulna divisions and one in Rajshahi division.

Though most of the patients who were hospitalised have so far been released, 1,004 are still undergoing treatment at hospitals in Dhaka, and 210 outside the capital, the DGHS data shows.

COVID FALLOUT

Child marriage on the rise in Cox's Bazar: study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A recent study on the impact of Covid-19 on child marriage in Cox's Bazar has shown a rising trend in the number of child marriages in the district since March 2021.

Notably, the highest increase -- 82 percent -- came from Eidgaon upazila, while Ukhiya upazila was second with a 75 percent increase, the study found.

Carried out by COAST Foundation, the study surveyed 32 union parishads and three municipalities across the nine upazilas of the district.

Jahangir Alam, assistant director of COAST, presented the findings at a virtual press conference yesterday.

Md Mujibul Haque Munir, joint director

of the organisation, said child marriage eats up nine percent of women's income and one percent of the total national income.

"Preventing child marriage by 2030 could save 11 percent of our educational budget," he added.

The study was conducted from August 4 to September 26 this year. It covered 384 families who had a member or a close relative marry off their underage daughter during 2020 and 2021.

Around 63 percent respondents said child marriage rates increased due to the pandemic -- and its economic fallout --, while 47 percent cited school closure as the main reason behind the spike in the rate.

The conference was moderated by Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, executive director of COAST Foundation.

5 lakh migrant workers

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hall. The event was also aired live virtually.

The newly-launched online registration process will enable aspirant migrant workers to use Ami Probashi app to get registered with 64 Technical Training Centres (TTC) and six marine technology institutes across the country to enrol in various pre-departure skills training courses.

Ami Probashi app is a digital platform operated by the expatriates' welfare ministry. The app provides various support services to Bangladeshi nationals seeking job opportunities abroad.

As per government decision, migrant workers have to first register with BMET, by paying a fee, to be eligible for Covid-19 vaccine registration on Surokha site/app. One way to register with BMET is through Ami Probashi app.

Addressing the programme, the BMET

DC said authorities are planning to add a new condition for recruiting agents to obtain a recruitment licence: agencies have to arrange a job fair at least once a year at TTC to recruit workers.

Addressing the programme as chief guest, Expatriates' Welfare Ministry Secretary Ahmed Munir Saleheen said due to the service of Ami Probashi app, migrant workers could overcome a crisis period and ensure Covid-19 vaccination.

In terms of per capita remittance, the secretary said, Bangladesh's position is "frustrating" when compared to what other labour-sending countries such as India and the Philippines earn.

"Our per capita remittance, when compared to international standard, is very low," he said, adding that to improve the remittance situation, focus has to be given on quality migration, and the government has taken various steps to ensure that.

Follow Gandhi, Bangabandhu

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High School campus.

Gandhi Ashram Trust (GAT) in Noakhali and Indian High Commission in Dhaka jointly organised the event on the occasion of the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the International Day of Non-Violence, and inauguration of the renovated Gandhi Memorial Museum in Noakhali.

GAT president Justice Soumendra Sarkar chaired the function, moderated by its director Raha Naba Kumar.

Among others, Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen, Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Vikram K Doraiswami, former minister and cultural personality Asaduzzaman Noor spoke at the programme.

DU 'Kha' unit exam

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centres concurrently. A total of 47,639 examinees vied for 2,378 seats during yesterday's exam. Of them, 18,853 sat for the test in the capital, while the other seven divisional cities hosted as many as 28,786 students.

The venues outside Dhaka were Chittagong University, Rajshahi University, Khulna University, Bangladesh Agricultural University in Mymensingh, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology in Sylhet, Barishal University, and Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur. The exam for "Ga" unit will be held on October 22, while the "Cha" unit exam will take place on October 9. The "Gha" unit test is slated to be held on October 23.

Meanwhile, a candidate currently imprisoned in Dhaka Central Jail was able to participate in the entry test as university authorities arranged special facilities according to a High Court directive, said Prof Abu Md Delwar Hossain, dean of the arts faculty.

No more caretaker

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He said those who introduced "multi-party mockery" in the name of multi-party democracy and those who don't practice democracy within their own party are now talking about democracy.

Pointing to BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Quader questioned why Fakhrul didn't join parliament even after being elected in polls and what type of democracy that is.

The minister said parliamentary polls will be held in due time as per the constitution like in other democratic countries. So, there is no need to make evil attempts to create chaos centring any settled issue, he said.

Meanwhile, AL joint-general secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif yesterday said "caretaker government will not be formed" again in Bangladesh.

He said this while talking to reporters at Chandpur at a programme.

He said there is a verdict of the country's highest court that a caretaker government will never be formed in Bangladesh.

"If a democratic political party does not participate in the election, it falls under their democratic rights..." he added.

Provide students

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Among others, Dhaka Education Board controller of examinations Prof SM Amirul Islam; college inspector Prof Abu Taleb Md Moazzem Hossain; and school inspector Prof Mohammed Abul Mansur Bhuiyan also spoke at the workshop.

Around 100 college principals from different districts attended the programme.

One succumbs

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the blast took place from accumulated gas," he said. "The other injured, Yasin (35), suffered 50 percent burns," Bacchu said, citing doctors.

Jitu and Yasin used to live with three others in a room of the building's second floor.

The OC said two of their roommates, who were detained for interrogation, have been released. An unnatural death case was filed.

Polls must be held

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held in a fair manner, they will not get 30 seats. That is why they are politicising all state organs," he added.

Among others, BNP leaders Mirza Abbas, Aman Ullah Aman, Abdus Salam, Abdul Awal Mintu and AZM Zahid Hossain and others spoke at the programme.

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