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Building inclusive, healthy, functional, and productive cities is perhaps the greatest challenge facing humanity today. Designing with nature and people can create urban spaces more vibrant, enriched with civic and cultural identity; facilitating social, capital and community revitalization. Dhaka city, with the burden of its ever-growing population, is deprived, not only of basic services, but also of public spaces, parks and playgrounds turning the residents of this mega city into machines in the concrete jungle. A closer look into the landuse pattern of Dhaka would reveal that large parcels of land have remained either underused or unutilized for decades. Tejgaon Old Airport is such an example of a site which can be transformed into a vibrant public place through innovative and visionary design and planning.

The competition aims to attract students from different disciplines related to architecture, planning and engineering of different universities approved by UGC, to submit visionary design proposals appropriate for the existing 415 acre site of Tejgaon Old Airport situated in the heart of Dhaka Mega City.

Proposals need to focus on the socio-cultural, economic and environmental values, harmonisation with the surrounding areas. As this is an 'idea' competition, there is no expectation that any of the submitted schemes will be applied to the site.

The innovative proposals of the young students are expected to open new horizons of ideas on how public places could be regenerated within the congested city fabric of Dhaka. The submitted entries will be assessed in terms of their merit on context, overall coherence, presentation, innovation in ideas as the response to the competition theme.

#### Eligibility

- A team of students comprised of minimum three members to maximum seven members of undergraduate students from 3rd year, 4th year and 5th year level from any University in Bangladesh approved by UGC.
- The team must have at least one member from the discipline of Architecture, one from Planning and one from Engineering
- Additional team members can be from any other discipline (maximum seven member team).

#### Registration

Deadline: 4.30 PM . Saturday . 06 December 2014

Teams need to register for participating in the competition by submitting following documents within the given deadline.

- Filled out registration form (FORM-1)
- Filled out Certificate of Studentship (FORM-2)
- Filled out Declaration form (FORM-3)
- Photocopy of updated Student ID cards of the all the members of the team.

Registration documents are available in the FACEBOOK site: **Urban Oasis (A Student Idea Competition)**. Registration can be done both online and in person within given deadline. Filled out forms and other documents can be emailed to the CONVENER, ORGANIZING COMMITTEE to [abueta.urbanoasis@gmail.com](mailto:abueta.urbanoasis@gmail.com). Hard copy of filled out registration documents can be submitted to the DIRECTOR, STUDENTS WELFARE (DSW) at the DSW office (2nd floor), BUET during office hours (9.00am - 5.00pm) (Contact no: DSW office: +88 01950031752)

List of eligible teams will be announced and informed through email.

#### Workshop: Briefing Session

9.30 AM-1.00 PM . Friday, 12 December 2014. Auditorium, BUET

- Team leader accompanied with any two of the team mates will be invited to attend a workshop to be held on Friday, 12th December, 2014 (No TA/DA will be provided).
- A panel of experts will deliver lectures on planning, urban design, environment and transportation issues related with this project. The experts and the organizing committee will answer any queries emailed by the teams by Thursday 11th December, 2014.
- Soft copy of the project site and other necessary information will be provided in the workshop.
- The team needs to bring the originals of all the submitted documents on the day of workshop.

#### Submission Requirement

- Maximum 2 (two) number of A0 sheets (Portrait)
- A Model. Scale 1:3000 (Base Size: 2'-0"X4'X0")
- A Report of maximum six pages (A4. Arial font. 12 point)
- A Five Minute (maximum) Multimedia Presentation with necessary audio-visuals.
- Soft Copy of all drawings, photographs of the model and multi-media presentation in a CD.
- Submission Venue - Ground Floor, Dept. of Architecture. BUET.

#### Awards

1st Prize	Certificate, Crest & BDT: 3 Lac	Commendation 1	Certificate, Crest & BDT: 50,000
2nd Prize	Certificate, Crest & BDT: 2 Lac	Commendation 2	Certificate, Crest & BDT: 50,000
3rd Prize	Certificate, Crest & BDT: 1 Lac	Commendation 3	Certificate, Crest & BDT: 50,000

All the participating teams will be given a Certificate of Participation which can be collected from the DSW office, BUET during office hours (9.00am-5.00pm), on February 18-20, 2015.

#### Important Dates and Deadlines

Registration deadline	4:30 PM	Saturday, 06 December, 2014
Announcement of eligible teams of participants	5:00 PM	Monday, 08 December, 2014
Email queries to the coordinator	5:00 PM	Thursday, 11 December, 2014
Workshop: Briefing Session Eligible Team	9.30 AM-1.00PM BUET Auditorium.	Friday, 12 December, 2014
Final Submission	2.00 PM Dept. of Architecture. BUET	Sunday, 25 January, 2015
Announcement of Result & Inauguration of Exhibition with selected projects	2.00 PM Dept. of Architecture. BUET	Thursday, 29 January, 2015
Award Giving Ceremony	10.00 AM. Inaugural Session of ABUETA Reunion 2015 at BUET Playground	Friday, 30 January, 2015

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