



**Mohammad Foyez Ullah** BArch MArch MIAB Assoc AIA  
Principal, Volumezero

Mohammad Foyez Ullah of Dhaka, Bangladesh is a man who is at the pinnacle of architectural professionalism in his own country. His architecture is recognizable for their pure and austere qualities and notable for their dignity and restraints. Well over a quarter century into the profession, his style has largely been accepted as a philosophy that responds to the socio-economic and tropical context of Dhaka.

Academically he was quite meritorious. He earned a distinction for his BArch and the "Ahsanur Rahman Gold Medal" for his Masters from Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology, BUET. Soon after graduation in 1993, he started his career as an educator and taught as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Architecture, BUET until 1998. Throughout his career as an educator, he has inspired students around BRAC University, University of Asia Pacific, North South University and BUET. Concurrently, a successful legacy in the professional field was also initiated when he co-founded Vistaara Architects in 1994. After leaving BUET in 1998, Foyez concentrated more on the practice and his noteworthy contributions are GP House, Bashundhara City, UTC, The Westin, PICL Bhaban, Shanta Western Tower and many more diverse building typologies. It was predominantly the expressive nature of his architecture that bought him prominence and inspired a generation to aspire a career in the field.

Award and accolades for Foyez include the highest design accreditation like IAB Design Award, Holcim Green Built Award, Berger Excellence in Architecture Award, etc. After regenerating his practice through Volumezero Ltd in 2008, acclaimed projects that include the first ever LEED gold certified commercial buildings in Bangladesh, such as Simpletree Anarkali, Shahjalal Bank CHQ, Lighthouse and other notable works like ICCB, Akij House, Ispahani Housing among many consolidates his leadership in architecture and sustainably principled design. He kept himself relevant in academia by publishing critical articles, scholarly papers and write ups through various institutions and media. While as a juror for countless architectural competitions he continues to contribute towards the profession and appreciation for architecture in its quintessential form. Through his practice at Volumezero, Foyez raises the bar of what is possible and invariably achievable. Through established examples he validates the belief that - architecture we conceive and establish eventually end up building us.

### Professional Affiliation

**Member**, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)

**Associate Member**, American Institute of Architects (AIA)

**Organizational Member**, US Green Building Council (USGBC)

**Life Member**, BUET Alumni Association (BUETAA)

**Member**, Architecture Alumni Association (ARCAAB)

**Member**, Editorial Committee, Part 4: Fire Safety and Protection of Bangladesh National Building Code 2012 (BNBC)

### Professional Timeline

1993 - **Bachelor of Architecture**, BUET

1993- 1998 - **Assistant Professor**, Department of Architecture, BUET

1997 - **Master of Architecture**, BUET

- **Ahsanur Rahman Gold Medal** for best academic performance among all master's degree recipients

1998 - **IAB Design Award** for design excellence in Multi-Family Housing

- **Winner** of Design competition for the head office building of Peoples Insurance Bhaban

- 1999 - Projects included in the book “Digital Architecture: Top 50 Designers of the World” by McGraw Hill, N.Y.
- 1999 - **Visiting Lectureship** at University of Asia Pacific
- 2007 - **Berger Excellence in Architecture Award** for designing Peoples Insurance Bhaban
- 2007-2011 - **Visiting Studio Design instructor** & Jury Critic, BRAC University
- 2008 - **Founder**, Volumezero Ltd
- 2009 - **Critic Award** for Liberation War Museum Design, Dhaka
- **ICE-Today Aqua Paints Interior Design Awards** for designing own design studio, Volumezero Ltd
- 2010 - **Holcim Green Built Award** for designing GP House
- **Juror**, Open Urban Design Competition for the Design of **Gulshan Club** organized by Gulshan Club Limited, in association with Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB).
- 2010-2011 - **Visiting Lectureship**, North South University
- 2012 - **Member**, Editorial Committee, Part 4: Fire Safety and Protection of National Building Code (BNBC)
- 2013 - **Juror, Berger Award for excellence in architecture** organized by Berger paints, Bangladesh and Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)
- 2014- 2016 - **Juror, Noman Award for Excellence in Design (NAED)**, BRAC University, Department of Architecture.
- **Juror**, design competition for **Sculpture at Nagasaki Peace Park** gifted by Bangladesh, organized by Ministry of Housing and Public works and Department of Architecture.
- 2016- 2017 - **Speaker**, panel discussion on the topic '**Architectural Education for Tomorrow**' by eminent Bangladeshi architects under the Angan Lecture series, Brac University
- **Speaker**, at seminar '**Theory vis-à-vis practice: A soliloquy by Architect Mohammad Foyez Ullah**' organized by Department of Architecture, Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology, CUET.
- Awarded **Global Brand Excellence Award** Under Brand builder of the Year Category by The World Brand Congress in Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2017 - **Author**, “**Initiating Change Through Responsive Framework**” published in seminar proceeding on “**Environmental Responsibilities of Architects and Local Practice**” published by the Department of Architecture, Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST)
- 2017- 2018 - **Juror**, Open Urban Design Competition for the Design of **Coordinated Complex of Department of Public Libraries (DPL) & Bangladesh National Museum (BNM)** organized by The Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, in association with Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB).
- **Juror**, Open Architectural Competition for the design of '**Commercial (Office) Green Building**' for Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL) jointly organized by IDCOL and IAB
- **Member**, Board of Architectural Education, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)
- **Member**, Standard Agreements, Architects' Fee & Salary Scale Formulation Committee, Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)
- **Speaker**, '**Leading by Examples**' organized by Department of Architecture, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST)
- **Speaker**, '**Less is More**' organized by “**KOHLER BOLD ART Powered by Pecha Kucha Chennai Edition 2017**”, India
- **Speaker**, at seminar titled **A talk with Architect Mohammad Foyez Ullah** organized by Department of Architecture, Sate University of Bangladesh

- **Juror**, Architectural design competition for the design of **CEGIS Bhaban** organized by CEGIS and Bangladesh University of Science and Technology, BUET.
- 2019
- **Consultant**, plan of action on the issue of fire safety in buildings organized by Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB)
  - **Speaker**, at Round table Meeting on **Fire Safety Issues in Bangladesh Challenge and Way Forward** organized by Electronic Safety and Security Association of Bangladesh (ESSAB) and Fire Service and Civil Defense.
- 2020
- **Speaker**, at webinar **Architecture After Covid-19**, organized by Showcase Dialogue 01.
- 2021
- **Guest Lecturer**, at online lecture **'Between Green and Mainstream'** for ARC 452: Design with the Environment organized by Department of Architecture, Brac University
  - **Speaker**, for virtual lecture series **'Arc PAU Lecture Series: INSIGHT with Mohammad Foyez Ullah'** organized by Department of Architecture, Primeasia University