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‘Planning for Inclusiveness and Sustainability in Post Pandemic Era’

Major thematic areas for the ICURP conference are:

Session -1	Urban Planning and Management for Sustainable Development
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Session -3	Regional Development and Rural Planning for Balanced Development
Session -4	Environmental Planning, Disaster Management and Climate Resiliency for Sustainable Development
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Session -10	Housing, Community and Settlement Planning for Sustainability



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MESSAGE

It's really pleasure that The International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (ICURP) 2021 is organized by Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) with the theme 'Planning for Inclusiveness and Sustainability in Post Pandemic Era' This conference highlights the issues that current pandemic has forced to rethink traditional planning practices and move ahead for attaining the goal of inclusiveness and sustainability in the post Pandemic era.

Due to the current extraordinary situation around the globe, this year ICURP 2021 held in combination of physical events and virtual sessions, which certainly widen the scope for planners and the professionals from home and abroad to participate in this International Conference. BIP believes that ICURP 2021 conference brings together the planners, professionals, academics, practitioners, scientists, researchers, scholars and decision-makers relating to various fields of Urban, Regional and Rural Planning around the world to exchange diverse ideas, share knowledge and explore recent developments in the field of Planning during this extraordinary time

This year is really a remarkable year for the Bangladesh because Bangladesh celebrates 50 years of its independence *and we are celebrating the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.* And we have the honor to give homage to our great father of the Nation and valiant freedom fighters of the nation on this great occasion of ICURP.

As we all know, Bangladesh Government has given utmost importance to the physical and economic development of the country with due importance to planning, sustainability and environmental considerations to attain the goal of 'Sonar Bangla (Golden Bangla)' dreamt by our Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and valiant Freedom Fighters of our great Liberation War of independence. Moreover, Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations have greatly emphasized inclusiveness as well as



sustainability and the advent of Covid pandemic has even more highlighted the indispensability of making our cities and settlements inclusive and sustainable for all. In addition, the current pandemic has posed some challenges to traditional planning practices and therefore planning norms and ideas might have some major shifts in pursuit of attaining the goal of inclusiveness and sustainability in the post Pandemic era.

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