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## Book on architecture launched in capital

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Architecture is not merely about making a building, it is also about designing landscape and locations, said noted architects at a book launching ceremony in the capital yesterday.

In today's Bangladesh, architects have to have a deeper relation with the water and designing of hydro-geography, said architecture educator Prof Kazi Khaleed Ashraf.

Ashraf, also the director general of Bengal Institute, edited the book "Locations: Anthology of Architecture and Urbanism".

Bengal Foundation, Bengal institute for Architecture, Landscapes and Settlements in association with The Edge Foundation organised the event at Edge Gallery in Gulshan.

Printed in San Francisco, the book contains 21 articles on different issues of architecture by noted architects from India, Japan, Turkey and Hong Kong. It is the first volume of a series.

Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, US ambassador to Bangladesh, who attended as the chief guest, said the book provides a unique insight into how people interact with nature and each other.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, a special guest at the event, said Dhaka is virtually being ruined in the name of modernisation and development.

Abul Khair Litu, chairman of Bengal Foundation, and Prof Shamsul Wares, an educator of architecture, also spoke.