

Good Morning! Respected Senior architects and fellows!

Thank you everyone for coming this early morning and We appreciate for your enthusiasm to put forward the architecture a step ahead.

Firstly, let's go through some basics about architecture?

For some It's a lifelong passion where some take it as science and means of innovation and few take it as business as well. In most lucid way, architecture have its own flexible dimension of social, environmental and economical excitements and limitations. Some take it as a tool to bolster their social status as in form of castles, whereas evolving humanitarian aspect of architecture have brought some novelty in solving problems of indigents.

After the decline of Rana Regime, Kathmandu started to witness the whim of modern architecture where globally renowned architects tried their luck as well and some Nepalese engineers have proven themselves in the context. It's fair to say now, we've rigorously practiced architecture since then. As precisely put by Bauhaus architect Mies Van der Rohe "**Architecture starts when you carefully put two bricks together. There it begins.**". the major question is where we stand as an architecture community in this scenario after more than 50 years of practice. How challenging are our structures in terms of human comfort, city beautification or in other evolving principles of architecture?

If we fundamentally study timeline of architecture principles we've moved from one generation to another. Evolving with the basic Vitruvian idea of Firmitus, Utilitas and Venustas we've come long way in between when god used lie in details to where less is considered as more, where form was function until when we turned it into fiction. We've also witnessed star architects coming up with their own guiding principles to bind their projects with common thread like 5 pillars of architecture from Corbusier to today's parametricism from Zaha Hadid.

With all these architecture innovations in record, it is time to question, in how many instances have we set our own principles in architecture?

How many times have we looked at our city and been proud of what we've built till now?

How many times have we gathered to discuss architecture progress in Nepal?

How many times have we tried to create the problem tree and get into root of it?

The Architect Speaks, seeks to present a platform for architecture scholars, senior architects, practicing and emerging architects to share their knowledge, experiences, innovations and curiosity regarding the architectural future of Nepal and in the global context. The platform seeks to acknowledge the dedication of all architects who have been practicing and preaching architecture for decades. It intends to bridge the gap between understanding and dedication of senior architects toward architecture and excitement of young architects to contribute. The platform also pursues to appreciate good architecture projects and let the society know about brain behind. The Architect Speaks will serve as the discussion forum for all the contemporary issues of Nepalese architecture and architects.

So, if you want to express your voice for our architecture community?

or if you want to express your dissatisfaction or frustration on architectural practice coming up with some innovation?

If you want to share your projects with other society members?

Then Architect speaks is the one you are looking for.

I on behalf of my executive committee thank you again for your kind presence and will appreciate heartily for your generous support, encouragement and suggestions to improve and sustain the idea of The Architect Speaks.

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