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BUET hosts inauguration ceremony of 'exposing hidden heat'

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Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology hosts the inauguration ceremony of a project titled Exposing Hidden Heat at the BUET Council Building in Dhaka on Monday. | Press release photo

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology on Monday hosted the inauguration ceremony of a project titled Exposing Hidden Heat: Mapping Heat-Driven Health Disparities and Advancing Policy Implications for Climate-Resilient Urban Development in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

BUET vice-chancellor Professor Eqramul Hoque attended as chief guest while pro-VC Professor Abdul Hasib Chowdhury attended as special guest at

the ceremony at the BUET, said a press release.



The ceremony also included an address from the director of the Research and Innovation Centre for Science and Engineering, BUET. The team from BUET has been awarded a highly competitive research grant from the Wellcome Trust, UK, as part of a landmark \$2.2 million international project.

The BUET team is receiving \$235,680 of this funding to drive cutting-edge research at the intersection of urban planning, public health and climate resilience.

The BUET team is led by principal investigator Professor Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed of the department of architecture. He is joined by co-principal investigators Professor Sheikh Mokhlesur Rahman from the department of civil engineering and assistant professor Nazmul Huda from the department of humanities.

The international collaboration brought together Tulane University and Louisiana State University's Health Sciences Centre in the United States, alongside University of Dhaka and BUET.

Mostafijur Rahman from Tulane University is the project's principal investigator. Alongside, Md Shahinoor Rahman from Louisiana State University's Health Sciences Centre and Professor Fatima Akter in the department of meteorology from University of Dhaka are among top contributor of the project.

This diverse team combines experts in health, urban design, engineering and social sciences who will use mapping technology, thermal imaging and community input to uncover hidden heat risks.

The main goal is to find science-based ways to make South Asian cities fairer and more resilient to climate change.

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