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1:1 Prototyping at AA Tehran Visiting School
Architectural Association at the University of Tehran

The final phase of the Architectural Association (AA) Visiting School in Tehran is underway: with the focus on building 1:1-scale prototypes using local materials and directed at local subjects. Enlivened and enriched through the process of discovery and experimentation of the first week of the workshop, student projects are evolving into the prototypes that will be exhibited at University of Tehran from 24 July.

Formulating site-specific strategies, student groups are articulating ideas that will settle and develop into exhibition work. Students continue to work with, test and document the properties and elements of light, shade, heat, water, sound, weight, shadow, balance, tension, flexibility, interaction, systems and cycles, surfaces and facades.

In the first part of the workshop student work examined topics concerned with different aspects of 'manufacturing complexities' – looking at the basics of intelligent design using low-tech solutions, available and affordable to all designers worldwide. Now they extract and refine from this process, building towards the final exhibition.

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Notes for editors:

1 For the first time, one student attending the workshop will be offered a scholarship of £25,000, towards their fees and living expenses at the AA School.

Read more about the Tehran Visiting School at <http://tehran.aaschool.ac.uk/>

2 Hanif Kara, founding partner of Adams Kara Taylor, London-based structural and civil engineering practice will deliver a keynote lecture at the exhibition opening on Sunday 24 July.

3 The AA Tehran Visiting School is one of 40 Visiting Schools run by the AA School in 2011, and is in its second year, directed for the second time by Omid Kamvari. The workshop introduces students at all levels to the Architectural Association's unique teaching styles.

For more information about AA Visiting Schools, please go to

<http://www.aaschool.ac.uk/STUDY/VISITING/visitingProgramme.php>

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