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The lesson learned at this session was clearly that to transfer engineering technology or architecture to developing countries. It is a must to take into account the local character including the country's culture and heritage, environment and socio-economic conditions. In addition knowledge of the local construction practices and availability of the local labor force is essential.

As Dr. Khan has so well illustrated Architecture must not be neutral but should have a local character of its own by taking into account the above local parameters.

Mr. Henderson has made a new and interesting suggestion to limit the size of cities. He also advocates that new housing be designed for only a 20 year life. This housing could be erected fast and could be mass produced economically. Since the life could be short there could be no inhibiting of future growth and development.

I agree with Mr. Henderson's remark that bridges should be designed to facilitate handling the heavy loads required for the factory and power plant installations in developing countries.

Above all, design must be simple; sophisticated existing building systems from developed countries must be adapted or designed anew. Very basic maintenance techniques must be employed and good training and education of the local maintenance force is necessary.