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ABSTRACT

Quantity surveying profession is one of the professions engaged in the construction industry. This profession first appeared in one area of the United Kingdom since the 18th century. This research was carried out to discuss and provide insight on the history of the Quantity Surveying profession and the Quantity Surveying profession in the construction industry in Indonesia. Quantity Surveyors play an important role in a construction project. The Quantity Surveying profession first entered Indonesia in the early 1970s, but due to several factors made this profession less developed in Indonesia. Therefore, this research was carried out to investigate the current scenario of Quantity Surveying practice in Indonesia. The objectives of this research is to identify Quantity Surveying practice in Indonesian construction industry and to identify the perception of being a Quantity Surveyor in Indonesia. In this study, the method used is the Quantitative method by using an online questionnaire to obtain the data. The questionnaire has been conducted and has been distributed to Quantity Surveyors who have registered with the Indonesian Association of Quantity Surveyors (IQSI). The data obtained from the questionnaire has been analyzed using Relative Importance Index (RII). The outcome of this research are most of the members that registered with IQSI are not from Quantity Surveying background, most of the members have working experience is more than 5 and 10 years, majority of the members working as Quantity Surveyor in their company, the main factor that affecting less development of Quantity Surveying in Indonesia is lack of institution that provide Quantity Surveying program, the members chose event/seminar is the best way to delivering the information to the public regarding Quantity Surveying, and majority of the members felt it is really important to open Quantity Surveying program at Universities in Indonesia.

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ABBREVIATIONS

QS	Quantity Surveyor
RICS	Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyor
IQSI	Ikatan Quantity Surveyor Indonesia (Indonesian Association of Quantity Surveyors)
AIQS	Australian Institution of Quantity Surveyors
RISM	The Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia
HKIS	Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors
PAQS	The Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors
UK	United Kingdom
Bachelor	Degree
MSc	Master (Master of Science)
PhD	Doctor (Doctor of Philosophy)
UBH	University of Bung Hatta
FTSP	Fakultas Teknik Sipil dan Perencanaan (Faculty of Engineering and Planning)
M&E	Mechanical and Electrical

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The Quantity Surveying profession comes from mainland England which then develops throughout the other countries in the world (IQSI Official Website, 2019). This profession emerged around the 19th century after a large fire incident that occurred in the city of London (IQSI Official Website, 2019). At that time, this profession arises due to the need of skills in calculating the approximate value of the buildings that affected by the fire (IQSI Official Website, 2019).

The Quantity Surveying profession arises based on the existence of a need to specialize in managing a plan or also the design of planners into a format that can show a parameter so that it can be more easily evaluated, compared, and processed which in turn can form a point meeting that can connect the desires of the assignor (client) and planning the planners (IQSI Official Website, 2019). Basically a Quantity Surveyor has a role in a project that must be responsible for estimate the cost that will be used for the project so it will ensure the construction and production costs can be managed properly and correctly (The role of a quantity surveyor, n.d.).

Quantity surveyor can be said to be a new profession in Indonesian construction industry. Quantity surveyor is a profession that has a lot of contribution in the construction world from the date of commencement until completion date. However, in Indonesia many people do not know about this profession due to lack of information and there are only a few Quantity Surveyor practitioners in Indonesia (IQSI Official Website, 2019). Because of the lack of information regarding the Quantity Surveyor profession, employers prefer civil engineering to carry out tasks that should be done by the Quantity Surveyor (IQSI Official Website, 2019). Therefore, there are many construction projects have experienced delays in completion and there have even been abandoned construction projects (Fathir, 2018).

Information regarding the development of Quantity Surveyor in Indonesia is limited. As a result, this profession has not received enough attention from the people and resulting in a

lack of people intention to become a Quantity Surveyor (Harususilo, 2018). Some people who already know about this profession prefer to study outside Indonesia, such as United Kingdom, Australia, Singapore or Malaysia which have the quality and qualification standard to become a Quantity Surveyor.

Regarding to (Yusid Toyib, 2015) in order to build a better construction industry, the Quantity Surveyor profession will begin to be more used in construction projects. According to (Yusid Toyib, 2015) Quantity Surveyor plays an important role in the efficiency of the infrastructure development process in Indonesia and also the concern about workplace accidents is indicated as an example of the lack of calculation of funds for work safety before the project is implemented. The real challenge faced in Indonesia's construction is the lack of understanding of the different contracts between parties who are bound by contracts, lack of information, lack information provider, and lack of practitioners that have QS background (Yusid Toyib, 2015).

1.2 Problem Statement

In the construction industry, there are three phase of construction which is pre-construction stage (before construction), Construction and post-construction (after construction) (Sims and Sims, 2014). Pre-construction is a phase when the parties figuring out the scale of work and prepare the work programme that will determine the cost of the project which will provide information to give a beginning estimate (Sims and Sims, 2014). After the pre-construction, the parties will start the construction based on the data that has been prepared in the previous phase (Sims and Sims, 2014). The final phase is a post-construction, the parties will maintain and examine all aspects of the project whether it is appropriate to use or not (Sims and Sims, 2014). After all aspects are assessed to have achieved all aspects planned then the project will be given to the client but the project must be maintained by the parties concerned for the next few years. Quantity Surveyor is one of the parties involved in all three construction phases. The Quantity Surveyor must manage and carry out his duties so that the project can run smoothly and prevent any issues.

Construction in Indonesia really needs the role of the Quantity Surveyor to assist government or private projects so that it can run smoothly from the pre-construction to post-construction process (Media, 2018). The lack of the Quantity Survey profession in Indonesia results from lack of information and also a lack of practitioners who teach about this profession.

There is only one university that have Quantity Survey course which is Universitas Bung Hatta located in West Sumatera, Indonesia (Harususilo, 2018). This course was opened in 2002. Therefore, many construction projects use the services of Quantity Surveyors from other countries such as Malaysia to help the construction industry in Indonesia.

According to (Khalid and Peli, 2006) most of the Quantity surveyor work in Indonesia is carried out by parties who are not graduated from Quantity Surveying program. Most of them are those who have ties to the world of construction such as architects and engineers. They gained knowledge and abilities through their experience, in-house courses, and attended special training about Quantity Surveyors. However, Architects and Engineers cannot really master Quantity Surveyor's knowledge entirely because basically they are trained in designing and doing fieldwork while Quantity Surveyor refers more to learning financial budgets and contracts.

The need for the Quantity Surveying profession in the Indonesian construction industry is very high and also information about Quantity Surveying in Indonesia is still lacking which results in a lack of interest in people to become a Quantity Surveyor (Harususilo, 2018). The development of the Quantity Surveying profession is still quite lacking. This problem must be resolved as soon as possible by making available more courses, training and basic knowledge about Quantity Surveying, and by promoting Quantity Surveying services to the construction industry in Indonesia (Husaini, 2015).

1.3 Aim

The aim of this study is to investigate the current scenario of Quantity Surveying practice in Indonesia

1.4 Objectives

1. To identify Quantity Surveying practice in Indonesian construction industry
2. To identify the perception of being a Quantity Surveyor in Indonesia

1.5 Key Questions

1. How many number of Quantity Surveyor practicing are from a Quantity Survey background that involve in the construction industry in Indonesia?