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QUANTITY SURVEYING STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

The role of a Quantity Surveyor in Malaysia has progressively changed according to the increase on the building project and complexity of the project. The roles of Quantity Surveying will also change according to the client request, the client not only expect the traditional services to be provided, but also additional services. The additional services include risk management, waste management, take turns as arbitrator; carry out feasibility study and so on. Fresh graduate are no longer keep doing measurement, documentation, some estimating work, but further expand to another job scope. High employability skills and abilities can make a fresh graduate can stand at the competitive and global market in the construction industry. Hence the objective of this research is to define the competencies possess by Quantity Surveying student and to analyse what are the main expectation of Employers toward Quantity Surveying fresh graduate. The data will be analysis by using descriptive data analysis, frequency analysis and weighted average index. Overall, the research will provide the outcome on the expectation of Employer’s toward fresh graduate in term of hard skills, soft skills and computer literate for a better understanding for fresh graduate.


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LIST OF SYMBOLS / ABBREVIATIONS

QS        Quantity Surveyor
BQ        Bills of Quantity
RICS      Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
AIQS      Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors
NZIQS     New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors
ICES      Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors
BQSM      Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia
CIOB      Chartered Institute of Building
HEIs      Higher Education Institutions
SMM       Standard Method of Measurement
ISM       Institute of Surveyors Malaysia
ICT       Information and Communication Technology
%         Percentage
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Nowadays, many countries were facing the economy downturn and Malaysia is one of those countries. However, in year 1991, the implementation of Vision 2020 had caused the rapid expansion of construction works after the economy recovered from the mid-eighties recession tends thus it lead to an increased number of construction firms in the industry (Tey, 2009). With the increasing number of building works and the more complex design compare to several years before, the profession of Quantity Surveying in Malaysia has progressively developed (Chong, B.L., et al, 2012).

Due to the economic challenges and rapid technology, Employers today have higher expectation and requirement towards fresh graduate in Quantity Surveying course in order them to save time to train them and hope they will be able to contribute themselves into the work quickly. In other words, Employers today are seeking for competent QS.

However, the unemployment of fresh QS is still much more concern by the public. Several researches have been carried out to find out the factor and solution to the problem and