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Editorial

I am writing this editorial shortly after our annual get-together held on 09 December, 2010. On behalf of the SLQS Committee, we, SLQS-Journal Sub-Committee congratulates the SLQS-UAE membership and their families for their participation. The get-together was a most pleasurable event and may be considered a positive beginning to the New Year 2011.

The need to better serve our growing membership within the UAE and the Middle East has been recognized by the SLQS UAE and arrangements has been made within the 2011 agenda to accommodate such requirements. I believe SLQS Committee can also improve service to our local membership, partly through becoming more receptive to feedback from our innovative young membership, which can later be transformed into constructive proposals or new resolutions within the group.

The lull in the international economy that we are experiencing can be used to further enhance our role as pivotal industry professionals, through Continuing Professional Development (CPD), programmes that allow us to develop the competencies necessary to conduct our duties in exemplary fashion. I am sure that you will agree with us in saying that it is our duty to the industry we are part of to ensure that we are in prime professional condition to carry out the tasks we are entrusted with. The Editorial committee believes that our relatively young SLQS-Journal is able to shed some light on your search for the path to best practice.

In this issue, we are delighted to publish Prof. Samaratunga's revolutionary paper of '*Head office Overheads Revisited*', adding great value to this edition. We are also pleased to note some eminently practical and useful contributions of Sajeewa Amantha in his article on '*Project Controls*', and Crishantha Fernando's '*Risk Management*'. Volume 6 is further enhanced by the article entitled '*Letters of Intent*' by Ragupathy Nadarajha, warning for the misuse of this concept implemented across the industry. Niluka Dominigo's discussion of '*Construction Waste Management*' is a good academic proposal to a leading waste generator; the construction industry.

Ranjith Chandrasiri's article on '*Quantity Surveying in Sri Lanka*', mentioning both its history and way forward touches on the roles and responsibilities of all practicing professional quantity surveyors and also all professional institutions associated with the quantity surveying practice in Sri Lanka.

While sharing his wide experience in assessment of professional competence, (APC), Ajantha Premarathna added value to this issue and Dr. H. Gunarantha and Buddhika Jayathilaka joined the journal through the management avenue.

On a closing note, we ask all our readers to recall that this journal is your property. As such, its performance is indeed your concern and all feedback and articles are not only appreciated, but an active part of being a member of the SLQS and the construction community.

Yet again, the thanks of the Editorial Committee due to Vishwa Chaturangi for her assistance in editing and to those writers who have contributed to SLQS-Journal Volume 6.

We anticipate your academic pleasure and hope that you assist us in ensuring it for future readers as well, by providing high-quality articles of your own in the near future.

On behalf of the editorial committee,

Dharmika T. Gamage

