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Editorial

Dear Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors

Prior to writing this editorial, I was looking back on our greatly successful commemorations of the Silver Jubilee of the SLQS get-together, one of the most notable of which was Prof. Samaratinga's Continuing Professional Development Programme, Variations and Valuation of Variations under the ICTAD and FIDIC Forms of Contract conducted in Colombo, followed by our recent Silver Jubilee get-together held on December 2009. Likewise, this edition of SLQS Journal was dedicated to commemorate the Silver Jubilee celebration of the SLQS-UAE get-togethers in the year of 2009.

We, the SLQS, are exceptionally pleased to announce our success with the publication of the SLQS Journal as planned, an event long overdue and of significance to the Sri Lankan quantity surveying community in the United Arab Emirates and the world at large.

We wish to thank all those of you responsible for the overwhelming response to our request; all of those articles were a tremendous pleasure to read. Also, it was with great satisfaction that we observed the outpouring of interest generated by the participants of the earlier workshop 'Sound Contract Administration', by providing many articles which will be published in future issues. We would like to mention that we have many more submissions of high quality than we are able to accommodate within one volume, and the selection of the articles printed within is in no way a rejection of other articles of equal quality.

In this edition, we found that two authors have taken a look through a different perspective at their journey through the construction industry. 'The Relationship between Management and Personal Management Competencies' by Punyamalie De Silva and 'Is the Rent is Leading the Construction?' by Wasantha Edirisinghe are unique and noteworthy articles concerning the direct and indirect influences on the construction industry.

Also, we consider it necessary to again discuss the appropriate length of articles. We should say that, as we have more submissions of high quality than we may be able to accommodate within one volume, the ideal length is around 3,000 words but should not exceed 5,000 words.

We trust that it is essential to remind you that this journal is designed to encourage interest in all matters relating to contract administration, with an emphasis on matters of theory and on-board issues arising from the relationship of contract administration to other disciplines in the construction industry. The subject matter of the articles will consist mainly of, but not be limited to contractual matters. However, it is not the purpose of this journal to concentrate solely on drily academia-oriented matters.

We eagerly anticipate future articles from you, our readers, for our forthcoming journals.

On behalf of the editorial committee,
Dharmika T. Gamage

