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Editorial

Dear Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors

I am writing this editorial the day after the most successful Continuing Professional Development event in the history of Sri Lankan Quantity Surveying, the programme, Variations and Valuation of Variations under the ICTAD and FIDIC Forms of Contract, conducted by Prof. Indrawansa Samarasinghe, held at the BMICH- Colombo, on 31 August, 2009, with over 600 participants. This most pleasurable event was the beginning of the commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of the SLQS UAE get-together.

We wish to thank all those of you who were behind the overwhelming response of instructive, high-quality articles 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 recent training course conducted by SLQS-UAE, 'Sound Contract Administration', by providing many articles which will be published in future issues.

In the last journal, from the readers' perspective, one of the most noteworthy articles was 'Construction Contract Arbitration' by Renchen Perera, due to its rich content blended with simplified language. Likewise and also of timely necessity, Ajantha Premarathna's article of 'Is FIDIC 99- Contractor-Friendly?' would be considered of similar rank.

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.

Also, questions were raised on the appropriate length of the articles. We should say that as we have many submissions of high quality than we may be unable to accommodate within one volume, the ideal length is less than 5,000 words. There have been concerns about the size of the print (fonts). Due to various constraints, we restrict the number of pages we can print and if we increase the font size, we would be forced to reduce the number and length of the articles.

The topics written upon in this journal are those submitted by your peers and various highly experienced and qualified industry professionals and academics of today. Articles included in this journal, which have been arriving from the very large number of Sri Lankan quantity surveyors living and working across the globe, are those felt to be relevant to our entire readership, either personally or professionally.

We eagerly anticipate future articles from you, our readers, for our forthcoming journal, the Silver Jubilee special edition.

On behalf of the editorial committee,
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