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## Editorial

Dear Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors

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In light of the recent decline in member participation in Continuing Professional Development programmes, it is a relief to have received the response to this edition of SLQS Journal that we did. At this stage, as we are faced with a lull in the usually accelerated construction industry of Dubai, we have a duty, as learned members of society, to use this time wisely, to ready ourselves for the storm of activity that usually follows on the heels of economic recession. The best mode of doing so would be to aggressively better ourselves and our fellows in the construction industry, through participating in the above-mentioned programmes as well as through contributing our academic insight to such forums as this journal.

In this issue, we are pleased to note a pair of eminently practical and useful contributions from Kalum Mallawarachchi and Dr. Haris Deen, which state matters that are simple at first glance, yet are often overlooked in application, with Dr. Haris Deen's concise approach bearing the elegant hallmarks of maturity. Also, of particular interest as a detailed observation of a single scenario is Lakshman Gunathilaka's case study on the Dubai Metro system.

For those worried that the journal may be concentrated on the construction issues of one particular region, fear not – we are pleased to note that our relatively young journal enjoys a selection of authors from countries in the Middle East, Asia and Europe, with the tacit knowledge that the information they impart is globally relevant. Among these individuals, we are very pleased to note, given the growth of Sri Lanka's economy and construction industry, is D.G. Jayarathna writing from Sri Lanka on the contemporary implementation of the ICTAD Conditions of Contract, which is sure to provide a handy reference to quantity surveyors moving back to Sri Lanka, allowing them to gain an idea of the current state of affairs in the industry.

On a closing note, we ask all of our readers to recall that this journal is your property. As such, the rightful growth of the journal is very much 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. And, Editorial Board extends their gratitude and thanking to Miss Vishwa Gamage for her contribution for proofreading.

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**

