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Editorial

Welcome from the Editor

We proudly present to you The Journal of Surveying, Construction & Property (JSCP), **Volume 1, Issue 1, 2010 Inaugural Issue**. JSCP is a publication of the Faculty of Built Environment, University of Malaya. The JSCP is devoted to the publication of original research in the areas of Surveying, Property, Real Estate and Valuation and Building and Construction. We wish to thank the scholars who contributed their time and expertise as reviewers for this issue. We also would like to thank all authors for the quality of the manuscripts they submitted to our review and for trusting JSCP to be the medium to share it with a truly global audience.

This issue begins with a research work by Siti Suhana Judi and Rosli bin Abdul Rashid which discuss on “The Contractor’s Right of Action for Late or Non-Payment by the Employer”. The research determines various actions available to the Contractor when faced with the problem of late or non-payment by the Employer. The second paper in this issue is offered by Zulhabri, et al. which presents the investigation on what is currently the trend in mediation. A combined quantitative research method using the survey and qualitative research method using semi-structured interviews were adopted for the research. The findings suggested that, while mediation was generally considered appropriate there were concerns on the adequacy of its provisions and practice. There are the needs for the industry to re-learn its approach in the promotion and the application of mediation if it is to be more effective. Tahir et al. explore the various issues in terrace house and proposes to uniquely develop a new design for in-house habitation as well as providing for aesthetically pleasing look. The emphasis of this work has been mostly a systematic review of existing literature and finds its relation to the raised floor innovation concept.

The concept of raised floor innovation provides better design solution and gives insight to the existing Malaysian terrace housing design.

Our last paper by Akmal Aini Othman & Sofiah Abd Rahman presents a conceptual discussion and framework of the link between market orientation, procurement process coordination and performance in the construction industry. This study illustrates that the importance of procurement process coordination in the construction industry slightly varies from manufacturing. While, several means of coordination could be adopted, information sharing and supply contract were demonstrated to be visible.

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