

Current Challenges Faced by Quantity Surveying Professionals in Sri Lankan Construction Industry

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A Quantity Surveyor is an important consultant who faces a number of challenges in the construction industry. Significant changes and challenges have been directly influencing the profession of Quantity Surveying at present in the construction field. This study attempts to identify the challenges faced by Quantity Surveying professionals in Sri Lankan construction industry, covering the areas of the market competition, information and communication technology, capability and relevance. Data was collected by distributing a questionnaire among experienced Quantity Surveying professionals in Sri Lankan construction industry. Data analysis was done using averages calculated through the relative index method. The study found that the competition of multinational organizations is the main challenge, since opportunities of the local market is acquired by foreign workers. The other challenge was identified as the absence of practical knowledge that goes with the continuous development of technology. The study recommends the development of a proper mechanism to address the competition by allowing more opportunities to local professionals and workers. Continuous updating of advanced technologies related to quantity surveyors in the construction industry should be done through continuous professional development. To face these challenges, a strategic approach should be applied in the long-run instead of having short-run solutions.

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