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## ABSTRACT

The Building Surveying profession in Malaysia was in its early period of existence. Up to present date, Building Surveying field has been established approximately 24 years since 1990. Despite the long period of establishment, Building Surveyor profession is not really be recognized in Malaysia, which resulting to unawareness on the importance of this profession and misunderstood by Professionals in Malaysian construction industry. This research is aimed to study and investigate the levels of awareness among professionals towards the importance of Building Surveying profession in Malaysian construction industry. Taking into account the Building Surveying profession development and current status in Malaysia and the level of awareness towards the importance of Building Surveying Profession among professional in Malaysian construction industry. The methodologies for this research are based on the literature review and survey by distributing questionnaire among Professionals who are working with government and private sectors. The non-existence of specific Act Regulated to support the profession was found to be the main reason on why Building Surveyor's entitlement to its specific post and recognition among Malaysian construction industry. The Building Surveyor Act was drafted with the aim of providing statutory recognition of the profession in 2007. But, until today the teams of the BS division of RISM have not gained any approval for the Act and this has contributed to the delay in the enactment of this legislation. It can be conclude that the Act is very important because by having the Act, Building Surveying profession will be well known as a professional profession in the construction industry in Malaysia and will be recognized by the public.

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Study Background

According to Building Surveying, Faculty of Built Environment: Student Prospective, handbook, Universiti Malaya, (2012), "The Building Surveyor (BS) is a qualified person who performs Building Control works and other activities related to construction which involves an organized preparatory process of physical development, supervision of construction quality and Physical conditions of the building". In Malaysia, BS profession is quickly rising and this profession is highly demanding in any economic situation. "Its scope of work begins from the early phase of designing a project development to construction management, maintenance and up to conservation of historical or important building" (Building Surveying, Faculty of Built Environment: Student Prospective, handbook, Universiti Malaya, 2012).

"Although in developed countries such as the UK and Australia the demand for building surveyor (BS) graduates is high, this is not the situation in Malaysia for a variety of reasons. The profession of BS was introduced in 1990 by the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM). Despite this relatively long period of establishment, the profession is still in the process of gaining recognition because the awareness level of the significance of BS services is comparatively low. Not many BS graduates are employed in the government sector. On the other hand, most of the graduates are working in different fields such as property management, quantity surveying and on construction sites" (Dickinson, 1999).

In the meantime, Australian Institute of Building Surveyors, (2013), states that, "Building Surveyors are professional in scope of building legislation and construction standards. They are in high demand by other related professions like Architects, Quantity Surveyor, Engineer, Town Planners for their knowledge and