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## **ABSTRACT**

**Proper design concept developed in many code of practice are suitable to a particular foreign experience. Bricks are local material which varies in properties from country to country. This project try to investigate the punching shear capacity of plastered brickwall.**

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

Brick is one of the oldest building material. For hundreds of years, the word "brick" was exclusively associated with building unit made of burn clay. However in the modern usage, the words tends to be descriptive because bricks are now made from a variety of materials.

First they were bricks made from mud, dried in the sun, then at least 5,000 years ago, man discovered the strength and durability of bricks fired in a kiln. Through the nineteenth century, bricks were widely used in every kind of building and for a wide range of engineering structure.

From the turn of the century to the present day, and despite the challenge from other materials, brickwork has maintained its position as the leading structural medium.

Although bricks is one of the oldest building materials, it is only in the past few decades that scientific principles have been successfully applied in the study on the strength behaviour of bricks, leading to the new concept of the brickwork design and construction.