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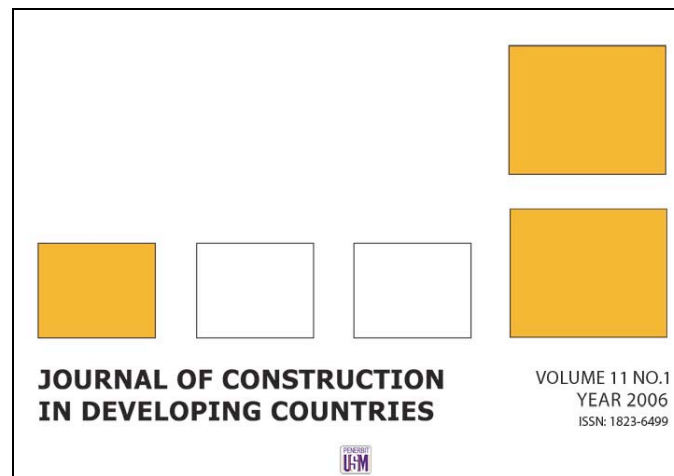
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Introduction

The Journal of Construction in Developing Countries is a scholarly peer-reviewed international publication, invaluable to those who are interested in the issues relevant to the built environments of developing countries. The journal is published jointly by CIB-W107 and the University Sains Malaysia. It is building upon the work of the former Journal of Housing Building and Planning by expanding its scope. From the 11th volume onwards, the Journal of Housing Building and Planning is renamed the Journal of Construction in Developing Countries. It is a multi-disciplinary effort involving scientists, professionals and practitioners and it will specifically provide a unifying basis bringing together architects, landscape designers, engineers, project managers, construction managers, quantity surveyors, town planners, sociologists, property managers, facilities managers and designers, amongst others.

Aims and Scope

The *Journal of Construction in Developing Countries* seeks to provide a central vehicle for the exchange and dissemination of knowledge on issues relevant to the built environments of developing countries. The journal provides a wide range of original research and application papers on current developments and advances in the built environment as well as the economic, social, cultural and technological contexts of developing countries. It also publishes detailed case studies, as well as short communications and discussions. Topics covered include, but are not restricted to planning, urban economics, rural and regional development, housing, management and resource issues, sustainability, knowledge and technology transfer, construction procurement, facilities management, information and communication technologies, strategies and policy issues, design issues, conservation and environmental issues.

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Editorial Message

Finally after months of intensive effort to get paper contributions from eminent scholars in the field of the built environment, followed by the usual review and re-submission process; the School of Housing Building and Planning, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Penang, Malaysia and CIB-W107 together with Penerbit USM (USM Press) are proud to present the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Construction in Developing Countries*. The *Journal of Construction in Developing Countries* replaces the *Journal of Housing Building and Planning* which had been in print since 1994. With this landmark development, the re-named journal stands to reach out to a wider circle of manuscript contributors and readers.

Appropriately, the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Construction in Developing Countries* carries the theme "Construction in Developing Countries - A Research Agenda." In line with this, the contributors dwell on a broad range of issues, from construction labour, to resource in general and finally construction industry development, providing a rich amount of possible research thrusts for others to take up.

Ofori's paper examines the "revaluing construction" programme launched by the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) a few years. Drawing on past scholastic works including that of his own, Ofori recommends a research agenda that revolves around the key areas of procurement, project management, industry development and education.

Wells's paper focuses on the practice of labour subcontracting that appears to be increasing throughout the world. It argues that labour subcontracting not only benefits the contractor but also workers as well. The paper calls for research on possible intervention techniques that would help resolve the negative consequences of labour subcontracting, yet leaving the practice intact.

Hillebrandt's paper begins by stating what the major objective of the *Journal of Construction in Developing Countries* should be. With the need to focus on research, which can generate positive action in mind, the paper provides a list of research thrusts that should be given priority. Like Ofori, Hillebrandt believes that CIB-W107 can play an even greater role in bringing about meaningful changes to the construction industry of developing countries.

The paper by Werna enlightens us on the on-going Construction Action Programme (CAP) of the International Labour Organisation which to-date is not

known to many. It is based on the direct experience of the author as its coordinator. At the heart of CAP is the social dialogue between various stake- and duty-holders with the aim of discussing and proposing concrete solutions relating to construction labour. The paper concludes by making suggestions for research agenda that would enrich our understanding of construction labour issues in developing countries which at the moment is lacking.

Mohan's paper proposes several frameworks aimed to help formulate research agendas for accelerating construction industry development. It refrains from offering a 'cookie-cutter' solution to drawing attention to the need to consider the priorities, special background, conditions and constraints specific to individual country. Mohan also stresses that the framework provides a starting point for others to further develop as past, present and future relevant research works are incorporated.

The collection of recommendations for future research areas contained in this inaugural issue will serve as an invaluable reference material for scholars and students in years to come. Our deepest appreciation to the paper contributors to this inaugural issue. Due to space limitation, only five articles can be accommodated. Papers by other equally eminent scholars who were invited to contribute will appear in the second issue.

Call for Papers

The editors are inviting submission of manuscripts to the *Journal of Construction in Developing Countries*. The *Journal* will be published twice a year by Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia and is a CIB encouraged effort. It is building upon the work of the former "Journal of Housing, Building Planning" by expanding its context. It publishes high quality articles that conform to its scope and editorial standards. Authors should follow the instructions given in the "Guidelines for Authors".

Guidelines for Authors

Publication Policies

Evaluation reviews of literature, definitive articles on methodology and procedures, quantitative and qualitative approaches to theory and empirical articles reporting original research are considered for publication. New techniques, methods, aspects of practical implementation, and industrial or technical approaches are also suitable for the *Journal*. All contributions will be read by at least 3 referees to ensure material originality, accuracy and relevance. Contributions are subject to editorial amendment to suit house styles. The *Journal* does not accept contributions that have been published elsewhere or submitted elsewhere for review.



Manuscripts should be prepared according to the style rules as published in the section Guidelines for Authors of the journals' website. Deviation from these rules will cause publication delays.

Journal Content

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- Revaluing Construction in Developing Countries: A Research Agenda – George Ofori
- Labour Subcontracting in the Construction Industries of Developing Countries: An Assessment from Two Perspectives – Jill Wells
- The Construction Industry and Its Resources: A Research Agenda - Patricia M. Hillebrandt
- The Construction Action Programme of the International Labour Office – A View of On-going Implementation and Implications for Research - Edmundo Werna
- Accelerating Construction Industry Development - Mohan Kumaraswamy

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