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5.0 INTRODUCTION

The quantity surveying body of knowledge in general is beset with the lowest levels of both development of newer knowledge and in research and development. This is because quantity surveying is seen by many to be a profession that emphasizes the application of vocational knowledge and skills in construction economics, the focus being to achieve economies in the procurement of new construction and in repair and maintenance works.

Traditionally, institutions of higher learning that offer quantity surveying programmes at certificate, diploma and/or bachelor degree levels are more concerned with getting accreditation and maintaining the same for their programmes by professional quantity surveying bodies. This is because

52 In Malaysia the professional bodies concerned are the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia and the Institutions of Surveyors Malaysia.
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10.0 INTRODUCTION

There is a general lack of current scholarly publication concerning maintenance of buildings and infrastructures in Malaysia. The phenomenon continues notwithstanding the frequent media reports on the poor conditions of many public and private buildings and infrastructures in recent years. The poor conditions, according to the reports, stemmed out from the lack of proper maintenance being carried out on those buildings and infrastructures (for example The Star, 20th April 2007; New Straits Times, May 4th 2007; The Star, 16th June 2008; New Straits Times, June 19th 2008).

Consequently, a study on maintenance of institutional buildings in Malaysia was carried out by the authors. The focus of the study is on the maintenance management systems used by those responsible for the up-keeping of the