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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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INTERNATIONAL LABOR MOVEMENT AND WELFARE EFFECTS

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14.0 INTRODUCTION

Economic integration promotes countries all around the world to coordinate their economic activities for mutual benefit. Among the activities is international trade which has grown rapidly along with the progress of globalization. International trade has made it possible for consumers to taste tradable and differentiated goods produced from other countries. It consequently encourages international movement of resources such as capital and labor.

Labor is a major component in cost estimating of construction works and closely related to Quantity Surveying practices. Quantity Surveyor will have to include this major item in tendering and costing procedures. Labor rates can vary depending upon the labor’s place of origin. For instance, the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Malaysia has published a document entitled “Average Daily Wage Rates of Construction Workers and