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THE PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS



NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Members of PAQS Family,

I am both honored and humbled to be entrusted by member institutions to be the Chair for PAQS. The path towards the appointment of chairmanship started at the PAQS Board meeting in 2023 when I was elected as Vice-chairman after voting by members. Since then, I have worked closely with Professor Anthony Mills, the then Chairman, and his executive committee for various PAQS matters. With the appointment, I hope to do my best to continue with the good work of all my predecessors. In this issue of the newsletter, I will share with you my plan on enhancing promotion and communication amongst members. I will discuss my other plans in subsequent issues of the newsletter.

At the last PAQS Congress held at Jakarta in August 2025, there was feedback received at the Education and Accreditation Committee meeting that more efforts are needed to promote PAQS to the general membership of PAQS member institutions. This suggestion was followed up and discussed at the first PAQS Executive Committee meeting held in October last year.

A PAQS Strategic Promotion Task Force led by PAQS Vice Chairman Sr Sunny Choi was set up to look into ways to promote PAQS with a view to increase PAQS's recognition among general members and staff and students at universities. The purpose of the Task Force is to develop and recommend strategic approaches, initiatives and a phased timeline to enhance the visibility, influence and engagement of the PAQS across the Pacific region.

The Task Force has identified the following Objectives:

- Strengthen PAQS brand identity and professional image.
- Expand outreach across member economies and industry sectors.
- Deepen stakeholder engagement, including governments, institutions, and allied professions.
- Support alignment with PAQS strategic goals and regional development priorities.

Some of the recommendations made by the Task Force to the PAQS Executive Committee are:

- Publication of a Newsletter on the PAQS activities.
- Updating of the PAQS brochure.
- Production of PAQS promotional PowerPoint and/or video.
- Publication of an academic journal on research findings and articles.



The Task Force has also suggested the way forward below:

- Synchronise webinars and promotional efforts by the various PAQS committees.
- Unify promotional publications across channels.
- Amplify the reach and influence of research outputs.
- Establish a structured social media promotion framework.
- Formalise resource planning and implementation roadmap.

To enhance the social media promotion efforts, the current PAQS Website Committee chaired by Sr Joseph Chong will be renamed PAQS Communication Committee. To support the Committee, we have requested all member institutions to nominate two representatives each to serve on the Committee. I hope you will give your full support by nominating your representatives promptly.

You are reading this inaugural issue of the relaunched PAQS Newsletter, which is the implementation of one of the recommendations made by the PAQS Strategic Promotion Task Force. When you read this issue of the Newsletter, it will still be the early in the year 2026. For those who celebrate the Lunar New Year, it will still be the celebrations for the Year of the Horse.

I wish all of you a happy and prosperous new year!

About PAQS

An international association of national organizations representing Quantity Surveyors in the Asia and Western Pacific region.

The Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) is an international association of national organisations representing Quantity Surveyors and Cost Engineers in the Asia and Pacific region. Members include quantity surveying and cost engineering institutions from 15 countries and cities including Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand being Full Members, and Fiji, South Africa and South Korea being Associate Members. The founding members of PAQS are AIQS (Australia), BSIJ (Japan), HKIS (Hong Kong), NZIQS (New Zealand) and SISV (Singapore).

For the latest list of members, please refer to paqs.net.

Our Mission:

- The promotion of the practice of Quantity Surveying (QS) in the region
- The promotion of "best practice" for QS in the region
- The promotion of dialogue between member organizations
- Encouragement of regional co-operation in the practice of QS
- Fostering of research appropriate to the better understanding of building practice in the region
- Rendering of assistance to members of member organizations working in each other's countries

PAQS Leadership 2025 - 2027



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The Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) established the PAQS - Iwata Foundation in 2008 for the purpose of promoting the QS profession and the professional development of young quantity surveyors in the PAQS region. Therefore, the Foundation is now sponsoring an international essay competition for young members from PAQS member countries.

The PAQS - Iwata Foundation has been named in honour of Mr Toshiyuki Iwata (1914 – 2014) who although in his eighties, attended the PAQS Annual Congresses in the very early days of the association. He attended a few congresses well into his nineties. During the 13th PAQS Kuala Lumpur congress in 2009, he gave a televised congratulatory message to the 2009 PAQS-Iwata Foundation essay winner.

The PAQS-Iwata Foundation Travelling Scholarship Competition



The PAQS-Iwata Foundation 2026 Travelling Scholarship Competition

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The competition winner will receive travel airfares, 3 nights' accommodation and full registration for their attendance at the next PAQS Annual Congress which will be held from **21st to 25th August 2026** in Sri Lanka.

Entries for the competition are now being accepted and will close on **Thursday, 11th June 2026**. Properly completed essays should be emailed to the PAQS Secretariat at paqssecretariat@rism.org.my

Entries will be judged by an international PAQS-Iwata Foundation panel who will announce the result by **9th July 2026**. The panel's decision is final.

The topic for the essay competition for 2026 is

"CONSTRUCTING THE EVOLUTION - UNLEASHING HUMAN INTELLIGENCE"

Conditions of entry:

1. Entrants must be 40 years of age or younger and be a member of their national QS/Cost Engineering institute (all grades of members are eligible).
2. The essay must have a cover sheet showing the entrant's name, residential address, email address and the member institute/association to which they belong.
3. The length of the essay is to be between 1,000 to 1,500 words and essays must be typed in accordance with the below rules.
4. All competition entrants agree to give the PAQS copyright for their essays.
5. Any plagiarism by an entrant will result in disqualification of the entry.
6. Entrants agree that if they win the competition, they will attend the PAQS Congress (and present their paper if invited to do so by the Congress committee).
7. The award is not transferable and not convertible to cash.
8. The winner agrees to write and submit a one (1) page report on their attendance at the PAQS Congress to the PAQS Secretary within 4 weeks of attending the Congress - this report may be published in the PAQS Newsletter and member journals/newsletters.
9. Entries must be emailed to the PAQS Secretariat at paqssecretariat@rism.org.my by the closing date.
10. PAQS member institutes will be asked to translate essays into English where they have been submitted in another language.
11. Each entrant is only allowed to submit one (1) paper.
12. A person is only allowed to win this competition twice.

Rules for essay writing and submission - entries are to be:

1. Typed in a **MS Word** compatible program
2. With type font being Arial size 11
3. Lines are to be double spaced
4. Headings are to be Arial size 16, centred and bold
5. Sub headings are to be Arial size 12, left indented and bold
6. Footnotes and referencing are to be in accordance with the Harvard system eg:
Smith, T. and Tang, H. (2006). The rise of globalisation in the QS profession. Australasian Journal of Quantity Surveying Vol 4 Issue 2, pp 34-36.

Note:

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PAQS CONGRESS 2026

Constructing the Evolution: Unleashing the Human Intelligence

21ST TO 25TH AUGUST 2026

CINNAMON LIFE, CITY OF DREAMS, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

VISIT NOW

This year, the PAQS Congress will be held at Sri Lanka, Colombo, with the theme called “Constructing the Evolution: Unleashing the Human Intelligence”. The congress will be on 21st to 25th August 2026 at Cinnamon Life, City of Dreams, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The congress features a series of keynote speeches, panel discussions, and technical sessions covering a wide range of topics, including construction practices, digitalization in quantity surveying, and innovative project management techniques.

Calling for Papers

Conference theme:

Constructing the Evolution: Unleashing the Human Intelligence

Submission of papers

Authors are invited to submit papers written in English relating to the Conference main theme and associated sub themes
Please visit: <https://paqs2026.com>

Papers for PAQS2026 can be submitted via the ‘[Submit My Full Paper](#)’ link in the Conference website.

Paper submission date:

30 March 2026

Notification of Full Paper Acceptance:

20 April 2026

**** Participants are required to strictly adhere to the full paper submission guidelines provided on the official webpage.**

PAQS 2026

Registration is Now Open!
Register now to reserve your place for early birds special

<https://paqs2026.com/>

Sub-Themes	
Construction Procurement Innovative practices, Value Creation and Strategies for Effective Procurement, Cost Management, Risk Management in Project Procurement.	Commercial Management Cost Management, Supply Chain Management, Risk Management, Business Development and Budgeting of Construction Businesses
Construction Law and Dispute Management Legal Frameworks, Risk allocation, Indemnities, Intellectual Property Rights and Laws, and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in Evolving Construction Landscapes.	Sustainability Exploring Sustainable Building Materials, Techniques, and Policies, as well as Low-carbon Planning and Design for Resource Efficient Built Environment.
Resilience Addressing Hazards, Climate Change Adaptation in the Built Environment, Neighborhood Development and Wellbeing, Fiscal Pressure and Enhancing Resilience in Construction Processes.	Smart Built Environment Focusing on Smart Cities, Digital Transformation in Construction, and the Management of Emerging Technologies.
Planning, Design, and Construction Investigating Advanced Construction Management, Data-driven Decision-making, Cost Effective Urban Morphology, Project Finance, Cost Planning in Development Management and Innovative Approaches within the sector.	Education Discussing Pedagogical Development, Innovative Teaching Methods, and the Future of Education in Built Environment Programs.

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**PAQS 2025 – Harnessing AI and Digital Technology for Smart Construction
Jakarta, Indonesia**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS



Accreditation and Education Committee



Digitalisation Committee

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Jakarta, Indonesia**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS



Sustainability Committee



Research Committee

PAQS 2025 – Harnessing AI and Digital Technology for Smart Construction Jakarta, Indonesia

BOARD MEETING



PAQS 2025 - Harnessing AI and Digital Technology for Smart Construction Jakarta, Indonesia

The PAQS Congress 2025, was yet another successful event for PAQS. It was held at Jakarta, Indonesia, between August 22 and 26 2025. The theme for the congress was "Harnessing AI and Digital Technology For Smart Construction". The congress included plenary sessions & technical presentations by industry experts who discussed on AI-powered construction, net-zero strategies, and sustainable building materials.

The PAQS Congress brought together delegates from across the globe, creating heartwarming moments as friends and colleagues exchanged hugs and handshakes while reminiscing about the good old days. We are delighted to share some photos from the congress. For those who have not yet registered for this year's event, we encourage you to secure your spot soon and be part of this inspiring gathering.



PAQS 2025 - Harnessing AI and Digital Technology for Smart Construction Jakarta, Indonesia





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**PAQS 2025 – Harnessing AI and Digital Technology for Smart Construction
Jakarta, Indonesia**

GALA DINNER



PAQS 2025 – Harnessing AI and Digital Technology for Smart Construction Jakarta, Indonesia

YOUNG QS EVENT



● Dinner Together

The day ended with a cozy dinner at Sate Senayan Restaurant, giving the group a delicious introduction to Indonesian flavours while strengthening the bonds formed throughout the day.

● Painting at Bartega Studio

The programme added a splash of creativity with a group painting session at Bartega Studio. Surrounded by colours, music, and lots of laughter, participants enjoyed relaxing and expressing themselves in a fun and artistic way.



PAQS 2025 – Harnessing AI and Digital Technology for Smart Construction Jakarta, Indonesia

YOUNG QS EVENT

● MRT Jakarta Phase 2A

Participants were given a unique opportunity to explore the underground tunnel of MRT Jakarta Phase 2. Seeing the engineering and construction work up close brought technical concepts to life and gave a fresh appreciation for the scale of the project.



● Pantai Indah Kapuk (PIK2)

The visit to PIK 2 felt like stepping into a future city in the making. From its grand masterplan to its bold development vision, the site visit gave participants a fresh perspective on large-scale urban projects and their impact.



Webinar Title: Counting Carbon: The QS Role in Decarbonising Construction through Tools, Methodologies, and Examples from Practice

As decarbonisation becomes a key driver in the global construction industry, Quantity Surveyors are uniquely positioned to influence low-carbon outcomes through their core expertise in measurement, cost planning, and project management. The panel of speakers namely, Assoc. Prof. Niluka Domingo – Massey University, Mr. Kevin Manalo – Quantity Surveyor and Dr. Imelda Piri – Lecturer, Auckland University of Technology (AUT) spoke on why QS professionals should expand their skillset beyond cost to carbon. The session introduced practical carbon estimation tools and methodologies, showcasing real-world examples of how Quantity Surveyors are applying these practices to inform design decisions, procurement, and project delivery.

PAQS Research Committees
Online Webinar

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Mr Kevin Manalo, Quantity Surveyor

Assoc. Prof. Niluka Domingo, Massey University

Dr Imelda Piri, Lecturer (AUT)

05.02.2026 (THURSDAY)
12.30PM TO 2.00PM (CN, HK, MY AND SG TIME)
5.30PM TO 7.00PM (NZ TIME)
ONLINE WEBINAR VIA ZOOM

REGISTER WITH QR CODE

zoom

REGISTRATION LINK

PAQS CPD
Hosted By: PICQS

Project Delays and Cost Impact: Why EOT Matters in Construction Contracts

ANTHEA VALDEZ
PICQS SG President

Date:
January 31, 2026
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PH Time)

Fee:
Free and Exclusive to PAQS and PICQS members only

Venue:
Zoom Webinar

Credits:
Decided by PAQS Organization

SCAN ME REGISTER NOW!

<https://picqs.org/>

Webinar : Topic: "Project Delays and Cost Impact: Why EOT Matters"

The featured speaker is our associated institute member named, Ms. Anthea Valdez, President of PICQS, Singapore

- The session broke down the contractual mechanisms of Extension of Time (EOT) and its direct correlation with project cost impact, including:
 - Why project delays are rarely simple.
 - The difference between a successful claim and a costly dispute.
 - Contract administration and delay analysis techniques.

Related Information:

- Context on Delays: PICQS often addresses that project delays (which occur in 80% of projects) lead to significant costs, including extended labor/equipment rentals, penalties, and legal dispute



CPD Seminar (For PAQS Registration)

Form Follows Circularity: Green Building Design for Closing Loops

Date: 13 March 2026 (Fri)
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (HKT)
Registration closes: 6 March 2026
CPD Hours: 1.5
Language: English
Fee: Free of charge (HKD 0)
Priority: First-come-first-served

Speaker:
Ar. Dr. Tony IP

In-person: HKIS Surveyors Learning Centre, Room 3006, 30/F, World Trade Centre, 280 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Online: Zoom

Organizers: Green Building Task Force of HKIS & Sustainability Committee of PAQS

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/AZtgAq3LpN>

Join us for a educational webinar by the industry practitioner!

♻️ As a Quantity Surveyor, understanding the transition to a circular built environment is becoming increasingly crucial for our industry.

The HKIS Green Building Task Force and the PAQS Sustainability Committee are co-organizing an insightful seminar that will unpack the core principles of the circular economy and introduce the newly developed Hong Kong Circular Built Environment Guidebook.

We are honored to have Ar. Dr. Tony IP, Founder of Tony Ip Green Architects and Convenor of the Taskforce for the Guidebook, as our speaker to share practical case studies tailored to Hong Kong's high-density context.

📌 Event Details:

📅 Date: 13 March 2026 (Friday)

🕒 Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (HKT)

📍 Format: Hybrid (HKIS Surveyors Learning Centre / Zoom)

💰 Fee: FREE (HKD 0)

⌚ CPD Hours: 1.5

Seats are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Secure your spot before registration closes on March 6!

🔗 Register here (PAQS Members): <https://forms.office.com/r/AZtgAq3LpN>

The respective committees are organising additional webinars aimed at broadening our horizons. Stay tuned and keep an eye on our social media page for updates on the upcoming webinars.

Date	Time	Duration (approx.)	Title of Webinar	Organising Committee	Contact Person
4 June 2026	1150 hours (SGT)	2 hour	To be confirmed	SISV and PAQS Sustainability Committee	Sr Stanley Chang

Communication Committee

This newsletter is brought to you by the Communication Committee:

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We are thrilled to announce that PAQS is now on Rednote. It is a social media platform to reach out to Asian market. Follow us on Redbook too!

PAQS official social media channels:

 Instagram @paqs_ig

 YouTube > @ paqs

 Official webpage > paqs.net

 <https://www.facebook.com/paqs.net>

 <https://www.linkedin.com/company/paqs1/>

 <https://xhslink.com/m/3H2vPUgHmoF>

Call to Action

We want to hear from you!

PAQS is actively looking for:

- Research papers and case studies for publication
- Speakers and facilitators for webinars and workshops
- Volunteers for committee projects
- Feedback on our initiatives and future direction



 **Stay Connected**



● **Upcoming webinars**

Follow us on our social media to get the first information of any of our events. We have a series of educational webinars lined up.

Stay tune!



Thank you for reading our
newsletter.

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