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PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS (PAQS) 2025

The Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) proudly hosted its highly anticipated Annual Congress 2025 at the iconic Raffles Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 22nd to 26th August 2025. The prestigious gathering drew together an exciting mix of professionals, academics, and industry leaders from across the Asia Pacific, and Western Pacific regions, creating an energetic hub of knowledge exchange and collaboration. With the powerful theme *Harnessing AI and Digital Technology for Smart Construction Towards Net Zero, Decarbonizing and Innovative Building Materials*, the congress buzzed with forward-looking discussions on sustainable construction, digital

transformation, and the evolving role of the profession. Energy-filled sessions revolved around four cutting-edge subthemes: AI-driven construction innovations, pathways to net zero and decarbonization, breakthroughs in sustainable building materials, and the growing momentum of modular and prefabricated construction techniques.

Adding to the excitement, RISM's call for participation was met with overwhelming enthusiasm, as 49 delegates proudly represented the society, marking a strong presence and reflecting its commitment to driving innovation and sustainability within the industry.

YOUNG QUANTITY SURVEYORS (YQS) PROGRAMME

The congress commenced with great energy through the Young Quantity Surveyors (YQS) Programme held on 22, 23 August, setting the tone for an inspiring week ahead. The programme was filled with seminars and workshops that sparked fresh ideas, together with essay and research competitions that highlighted the talent and creativity of emerging QS professionals. Networking opportunities provided a lively platform for young participants to connect with peers and industry

leaders, reinforcing the spirit of collaboration and mentorship.

To further enrich the experience, participants embarked on a technical visit to the Jakarta MRT Phase 2 project, gaining first-hand insight into cutting-edge urban infrastructure, while also experiencing the charm of the city through guided tours of its iconic attractions, seamlessly blending professional growth with cultural discovery.



YQS visit to Jakarta MRT Phase 2 project



YQS delegates from various countries of the Pan Pacific region

PAQS Congress Committee Meetings and Board Meeting

The momentum of the congress continued with a series of impactful internal PAQS committee meetings on education, digitalisation, research, and sustainability, alongside leadership board meetings among member countries on 23, 24 August. These sessions became dynamic platforms for sharing updates, aligning priorities, and forging collaborative strategies to drive regional growth and strengthen the profession across borders. Capping off the day's formalities in style, the prestigious Presidential Dinner was hosted at the elegant Raffles Jakarta Hotel on 24 August 2025, offering an evening of camaraderie and celebration.



PAQS Board Meeting at the Raffles Jakarta

RISM was strongly represented throughout the committee and board meetings, demonstrating its leadership and active role within PAQS. The list of representatives is as follows:

COMMITTEE	REPRESENTATIVES
Board Meeting	Sr Wan Ainon Zuraiha (President RISM) Assoc. Prof. Sr Dr. Umi Kalsum Zolkafli @ Zulkifly (Secretary General RISM) Sr Ts. Masnizan Che Mat (Vice Chair, QSD RISM) Sr Kwan Hock Hai
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PAQS Board Members Meeting



PAQS Congress Digitalisation Sub-Committee meetings

On 23 August 2025, the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) convened its Digitalisation Sub-Committee meetings in the vibrant city of Jakarta, Indonesia. The event brought together 29 representatives from 12 member countries across the Asia-Pacific region, all eager to share insights, strengthen regional collaboration, and chart the profession's digital future.

RISM's QS Division proudly flew the Malaysian flag through the participation of Sr Aminuddin Yahia, Sr Quek, and Sr Saravanan. The sessions buzzed with energy as delegates delved into three main themes that defined the day's discussions.

The conversation on ****Digital Transformation**** was particularly inspiring, as participants explored how BIM and AI are revolutionising quantity surveying practice. Thought-provoking presentations, including ***AI in QS*** (HKIS) and Malaysia's ***SMM3***

(RISM), sparked lively debate and reaffirmed that digitalisation empowers rather than replaces QS professionals.

Attention then turned to ****Regional Challenges****, where delegates from ASEAN nations such as Indonesia, Brunei, Sri Lanka, and the Philippines candidly discussed the barriers and limitations they face in adopting new technologies. Despite these challenges, a shared sense of optimism filled the room, with participants committed to finding collective solutions.

Malaysia's leadership in ****Digital Initiatives**** stood out as a highlight. The QS Division of RISM had formally endorsed the establishment of the National BIM Hub in collaboration with MyBIM Centre (CIDB eConstruct Services). Designed as a central repository for BIM materials and documentation, the Hub aimed to become a

go-to reference for researchers and industry stakeholders alike. In BIM QTO applications, software such as Glodon, CostX, and Cype were already being widely utilised.

Recognising the current shortage of entry- and mid-level quantity surveyors, delegates discussed alternative collaboration models between firms and individuals, including the forward-looking concept of code-sharing. Tools such as BlenderBIM and BrisCad, both supporting the IFC file format, were being evaluated for compatibility with SMM3, while further research into Uniclass and COBIE was encouraged to strengthen standardisation across Works and FM. Navisworks also emerged as a promising option for future quantification efforts.

In conclusion, the Jakarta meetings underscored RISM QS Division's unwavering commitment to advancing digitalisation and ensuring that Malaysia's voice remains strong and influential in the regional and global QS arena. The sense of momentum was unmistakable, proof that the future of quantity surveying in the digital age is brighter than ever.





Follow up discussion on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) execution between Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) and Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV)





Memento from RISM to host- Ikatan Quantity Surveyor Indonesia (IQSI)
From left: Ir Widaditomo Hari Puntoadi (Chairman IQSI),
Sr Ts. Masnizan Che Mat (Vice Chair QSD, RISM),
Sr Wan Ainon Zuraiha (President RISM)



Presidential Dinner at Raffles Jakarta Hotel



PAQS CONGRESS 2025

The main congress, held on 25th and 26th August 2025, opened in spectacular fashion with vibrant traditional Indonesian performances and inspiring keynote speeches, setting the tone for two days of rich engagement and discovery. The programme brimmed with parallel sessions that brought together technical presentations, dynamic panel discussions, and impressive research showcases from across the globe, each spotlighting the latest advancements in construction and quantity surveying.

With knowledge-sharing at its heart, the congress became a true hub of innovation and collaboration, energising professionals eager to harness the power of AI, digital tools, and sustainable practices to shape the future of the built environment.

The event drew to a memorable close on 26th August with the ceremonial PAQS Flag Handover, marking the transition from Indonesia to the next host country, Sri Lanka, for PAQS 2026.

That evening, the celebrations reached their peak at a grand gala dinner, an unforgettable occasion graced with captivating performances by Indonesia's Ministry of Tourism, formal addresses, and the official PAQS presidential handover from Professor Anthony Mills (2024–2025) to Sr Goh Ngan Hong (2025–2026).

Guests were also treated to the premiere of the PAQS 2026 teaser video, sparking anticipation for the next congress. The highlight of the evening was the prestigious PAQS Awards Ceremony, where excellence was recognised across categories such as Young QS of the Year, Education and Training, Innovation, and Sustainability.

The night concluded on a high with colourful cultural performances from participating countries, a fitting finale that celebrated both the diversity and unity of the PAQS community.

The list of awards won by the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) is as follows:

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| a) PAQS Service Excellence Award | : Sr Nazir Muhamad Nor |
| b) PAQS Academic Excellence Award | : Sr Dr. Fara Diva Mustapa |
| c) PAQS Young Achiever Award | : Sr Muhamad Hafizuddin Idris |
| d) PAQS Technical Innovation Excellence Award | : BCISM Sdn Bhd |
| e) Best Presenter Award | : Sr Sharifah Huda Syed Mohd |





**PAQS Service
Excellence Award**

Sr Nazir Muhamad Nor



**PAQS Academic
Excellence Award**

Sr Dr. Fara Diva Mustapa

PAQS Young Achiever Award

Sr Muhamad Hafizuddin Idris



The PAQS Congress 2025 in Jakarta concluded on a truly high note, leaving delegates inspired, energised, and united by a shared vision for the future of the profession. Over two unforgettable days, the congress showcased how quantity surveyors are leading the charge in smart, efficient, and sustainable construction practices, sparking conversations that will shape the industry for years to come. The energy was electric as knowledge, innovation, and cultural exchange came together in a celebration of progress and collaboration. With the curtain now closed on Jakarta's resounding success, anticipation is already building for PAQS 2026 in Sri Lanka, where the community is set to take this momentum even further and write the next exciting chapter in the evolution of the profession.





RISM QS Division Surveyors' Social Responsibility (SSR) Session 2025/26: Contribution to the "Kampung Angkat Madani 2025", Gerik, Perak

The "Kampung Angkat Madani" initiative, introduced by Prime Minister Dato' Sri Anwar Ibrahim, carries a bold vision of uplifting rural communities through the values of Madani development. Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) has embraced this mission with great enthusiasm, taking the lead in Kampung Plang, Gerik, Perak, as part of the Kampung Angkat Madani 2025 programme. From 7 to 10 August, forty dedicated UTM students immersed themselves in village life through a host family programme, contributing their energy and ideas to a series of projects that reflected collaboration, innovation, and community spirit.

Centred on inclusivity, prosperity, and sustainability, the programme introduced impactful initiatives such as repairing bridges, planting Roselle to create a

new source of income, providing online tuition for schoolchildren, and developing community-based ecotourism. These efforts, led by UTM's Centre for Community and Industry Network (CCIN) in partnership with researchers from various faculties, showcased how higher education can make a real difference when it engages directly with society.

Adding to this momentum, RISM proudly contributed RM4,500 towards the upgrading of the computer laboratory at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Plang, Gerik, and presented a SMART TV to Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Plang. This contribution was made during the official launch of the Madani Adopted Village Programme 2025, officiated by

Datuk Wira Dr. Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki, Chairman of Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA). The event was a lively celebration of partnerships and generosity, with other sponsors also making contributions, outstanding students being recognised for their achievements in both academics and sports, and villagers warmly welcoming guests with light refreshments.

For RISM, this effort was more than financial support, it was about opening doors, creating opportunities, and bringing hope to students who are striving for excellence despite limited facilities. The joy on their faces reflected the true impact of the initiative, and it strengthened RISM's commitment to charitable and CSR activities. Building on this success, RISM looks forward with excitement to continuing its mission of uplifting communities through future programmes.



Contribution to the “Kampung Angkat Madani 2025”, Gerik, Perak

HEARTIEST Congratulations

Sr Nazir Muhamad Nor

Vice President (QS), Session 2025/2026
CEO, CIDB E-Construct Services Sdn Bhd

on being awarded the
PAQS Service Excellence Award 2025



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HEARTIEST Congratulations

Sr Dr. Fara Diva Mustapa

Senior Lecturer
Department of Quantity Surveying,
Faculty of Built Environment & Surveying
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

on being awarded the
PAQS Academic Excellence Award 2025

during the



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HEARTIEST Congratulations

Sr Muhamad Hafizuddin Idris

RISM Councilor, Session 2025/2026

on being awarded the
PAQS Young Achiever Award 2025

during the



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BCISM Sdn. Bhd.

on being awarded the
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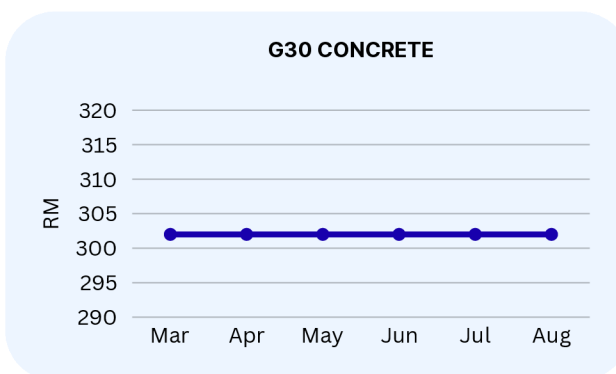
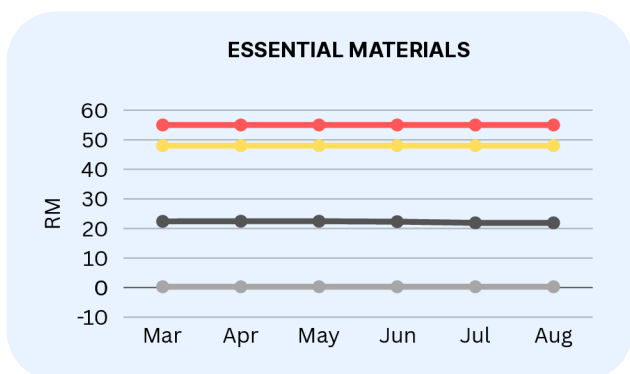
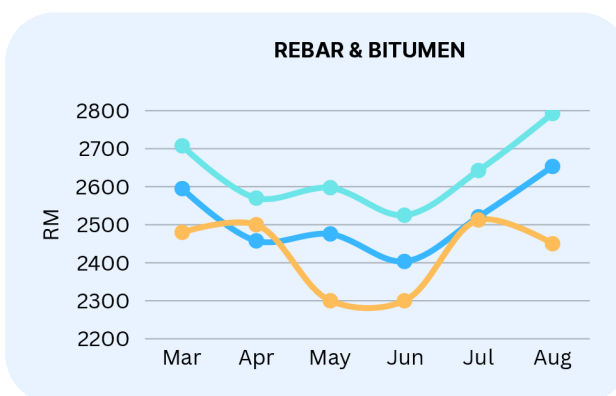
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BUILDING MATERIAL PRICES (AUGUST 2025)

Material	Unit	Price (RM)	Last Change	
			RM	%
R10 Rebar	tonne	2,792.50	+150.00	+5.68
Y12 Rebar	tonne	2,653.33	+132.50	+5.26
G30 Concrete	m ³	302.00	unch	unch
Normal River Sand	tonne	48.00	unch	unch
OP Cement	bag	21.90	unch	unch
Aggregate 3/4"	tonne	55.00	unch	unch
Cement Sand Brick	piece	0.29	unch	unch
Bitumen 60/70	tonne	2,450	-62.50	-2.49



Malaysia's August 2025 building material prices reflect a sector regaining momentum but still uneven in its recovery. Steel led the movement, with R10 and Y12 rebar climbing around 5–6 percent. The surge aligns with renewed government infrastructure spending and spillover demand from China's mid-year economic stimulus, which boosted regional steel consumption. This signals growing contractor confidence and stronger project pipelines heading into the final quarter.

Bitumen prices, however, slipped about 2.5 percent, tracking weaker global crude oil trends and OPEC+ production shifts. The decline also suggests that local road construction and maintenance activity slowed after heavy procurement earlier in the year, leaving a short-term surplus in supply.

Meanwhile, concrete, sand, cement, and aggregate prices held steady, pointing to a balanced domestic market and stable demand. Altogether, August's data shows Malaysia's construction sector in a state of gradual normalisation. Steel rebounding with optimism, bitumen easing with global oil cycles, and other materials maintaining stability as the industry transitions toward sustained recovery.

Access more historical price data and updates at n3c.cidb.gov.my

