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Wishing the committee a successful and impactful term ahead as they continue to advance the Quantity Surveying profession, strengthen industry engagement and champion excellence within RISM.

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SISV and RISM Strengthened Professional Collaboration Through Mutual Recognition Agreement

The Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV) and the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) entered into a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) to benefit their respective members and further strengthen the relationship between both organisations.

The agreement recognised the equivalency of the membership entry and advancement standards of both organisations for eligible Quantity Surveying professionals. It provided a clearer pathway for eligible RISM Members and Fellows under the Quantity Surveying Division to become Members of the SISV Quantity Surveying Division, and for eligible Members and Fellows of the SISV Quantity Surveying Division to become Members of the RISM Quantity Surveying Division.

Under the agreement, a Member or Fellow of RISM under the Quantity Surveying Division could be elected as a Member of SISV, subject to fulfilling the requirements of SISV. These included providing a RISM CPD Compliance Certificate, having no outstanding complaints, being a member in good standing, completing one year of practice in Singapore, maintaining a detailed record of relevant experience, and satisfactorily completing professional competence interviews on Singapore law and practice.

Members who wished to practise in Malaysia would continue to be required to satisfy the registration requirements of the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia.

Admission under the agreement remained subject to the respective Institute's applicable membership, education, constitutional and regulatory requirements, including an annual review of equivalent admission conditions and standards.

The MRA reflected the shared commitment of SISV and RISM towards advancing professionalism, supporting international recognition and strengthening standards across the built environment sector. It also supported the continuing professional development, networking and professional mobility of members of both organisations.

Both organisations would continue to work together to establish frameworks for achieving common goals in education, professionalism, technical standards and membership, for the betterment of members of both Institutes.

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This was a momentous milestone in the history of our relationship with RISM. We looked forward to many bright years ahead of mutual collaboration, support and co-operation for the benefit of both institutions.

Sr Colin Kin FSISV, President of the QS Division, SISV

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RISM and SISV's Mutual Recognition Agreement strengthened our partnership, promoted professional excellence, expanded opportunities and deepened regional collaboration.

Sr Nazir Muhamad Nor, Vice President (QS), RISM



SMM3 Train-the-Trainer (TTT) at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia



The SMM3 Train-the-Trainer Programme was successfully held on 29-30 July 2026 at Faculty of Built Environment and Surveying (FABU), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), bringing together 29 participants comprising industry practitioners and academicians.

Organised by the RISM Johor Branch in collaboration with the RISM Quantity Surveying Division, and supported by the Construction Economics, Law & Policy (CELP) Research Group, UTM, the two-day programme was designed to strengthen participants' knowledge, confidence and competency in the application of the Malaysian Standard Method of Measurement for Building Works, Third Edition (SMM3). The programme also served as an important platform to support the wider adoption and consistent implementation of SMM3 within both industry and academia.

Empowering Trainers. Elevating Standards.

A key objective of the programme is to develop a growing pool of competent and certified SMM3 trainers who can support wider implementation of the standard throughout Malaysia. Building this training capacity is particularly important as universities and industry organisations progressively integrate SMM3 into teaching, professional development and day-to-day quantity surveying practice.

The successful programme reflects RISM's continued commitment to professional competency, educational quality and industry excellence.

Throughout the programme, participants explored the key principles, structure and practical application of SMM3 across major areas including Preliminaries, Architectural Works, Structural Works, and Mechanical & Electrical (M&E) Works.

The sessions combined technical explanations, practical examples and interactive discussions, enabling participants to gain a deeper understanding of the requirements of the standard and how these should be interpreted in actual measurement practice.

The programme also encouraged participants to exchange professional experiences, discuss common measurement challenges and clarify areas where consistent interpretation is essential for effective professional practice.



RISM extends its sincere appreciation to all speakers, facilitators, organisers and participants for their valuable contributions and commitment towards making the programme a success.

Donation of Recliner Chairs and Community Outreach Programme

On 15 July 2026, the RISM Quantity Surveying Division carried out a meaningful corporate social responsibility initiative with the donation of 10 recliner chairs valued at RM8,000 to the Thalassaemia Daycare Centre, Paediatric Treatment Unit, Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah, Alor Setar, Kedah.

The programme was led by Immediate Past Chair Sr Nazir Muhamad Nor and represented a continuation of an initiative introduced during the previous session. The contribution was aimed at supporting the comfort and well-being of patients and families receiving treatment at the centre, while reflecting the Division's continued commitment to contributing positively to the wider community.

Committee Members from the RISM Northern Branch also participated in the outreach programme. As part of the visit, goodie bags and toys were distributed to children receiving treatment at the paediatric ward and dialysis centre.



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The simple gesture helped bring moments of joy and encouragement to the young patients and their families during their treatment journey.

Following the visit to Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah, the delegation continued its community outreach by visiting the Cancer Survivors Malaysia community home. The visit formed another important component of the Division's social responsibility efforts and provided members with an opportunity to learn more about the experiences and needs of cancer survivors and their families. The engagement also served as a reminder of the importance of community-based support networks in providing encouragement, companionship and assistance throughout the recovery journey. The programme demonstrated the strength of collaboration between the RISM Quantity Surveying Division and the RISM Northern Branch, bringing members together for a common purpose beyond professional activities.

By contributing to initiatives that improve the well-being of patients, children, families and community organisations, the Division demonstrates that the impact of the Quantity Surveying profession can extend well beyond projects and the construction industry. The initiative serves as a meaningful example of how professional bodies can use their networks and collective resources to create positive social impact.

Compassion & Professional Responsibility



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Building more than projects, the Quantity Surveying profession continues to build stronger communities through service, compassion and meaningful engagement.

Strengthening Collaboration Between BQSM and RISM for the Future of the Quantity Surveying Profession

A joint workshop between the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia (BQSM) and the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) was held on 21 July 2026 at Menara Ochre, Alamanda 2, Putrajaya, bringing together representatives from both organisations to discuss matters relating to professional standards, accreditation and pathways towards professional qualification.

Representing RISM at the workshop were Sr Saravanan Subramaniam, Sr Zarinah, Sr Choy and Sr Tangga. The engagement provided a productive platform for dialogue between the regulatory body and the professional institution, with discussions focusing on strengthening collaboration in the development, competency and professional progression of Quantity Surveyors in Malaysia.

Among the key matters discussed was the accreditation framework for Diploma in Quantity Surveying programmes, with emphasis on ensuring that graduates are equipped with the appropriate knowledge, technical capabilities and professional competencies required by the industry.

The workshop also discussed the Direct Final Examination conducted by RISM, which provides an alternative pathway towards professional qualification for experienced Diploma holders with 10 years or more of relevant working experience. The participants also deliberated on the role of RISM in supporting aspiring Direct Final Examination candidates through the dissemination of professional knowledge, best practices, examination guidance and Continuing Professional Development (CPD).





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