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As we celebrate the remarkable milestone of Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors (SLQS) Qatar 20th anniversary, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the journey we have accomplished together. Since our inception in 2003, the SLQS Qatar has grown from a small group of dedicated Quantity Surveying professionals into a vibrant community of over 1,600 members that embodies excellence, unity, and a shared commitment among the members in their professional development, fostering intellectual exchange with strengthening social ties among members and their families.

The society has been actively involved in organizing academic and social events aimed at promoting sustainable development, equality, and professional excellence in Qatar and globally. This significant anniversary is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our members, past and present, and the strong relationship we have forged with the Sri Lankan Embassy in Qatar, our sponsors, and all the supporters, which has been instrumental in the society's growth over two decades. I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have extended their invaluable support over the years.

We are excited to host our 20th anniversary in the Annual Get Together 2024 in style, the event dedicated to uniting us in one forum. This gathering will not only foster intense bonds within our community but also provide a platform for exchanging knowledge, networking, and mutual growth which will contribute to the ongoing success of our members.

Let us come together to celebrate this momentous occasion and fill our hearts with happiness and wonderful memories to cherish.

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Message from the Embassy of Sri Lanka - Qatar



Message from the Chargé d'Affaires

Greetings to all members of the Society of Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors [SLQS] in Qatar.

It is with great pride and joy that I extend my warmest regards to the esteemed members of SLQS on the occasion of your annual get-together. This event is a testament to the unity and strength of the Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors in Qatar and provides an excellent opportunity to reflect on your outstanding contributions to your profession as well as to the community at large.

SLQS has consistently demonstrated a profound commitment to excellence in the field of Quantity Surveying since its inception in 2003, while managing to market "Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors" as a brand in Qatar.

As a society, you have not only excelled professionally but have also been instrumental in strengthening the bonds between our nations through the ideals of Quantity Surveying, such as equality, sustainable development and peace.

On this special occasion, while reiterating the Embassy's unwavering support, I wish you continued success in all your endeavors.

Kashyapa Ukwatta
Chargé d' Affaires.a.i



EVENT PROGRAMME

5:15 PM	Entrance Opens
5:30 PM	Registration of Members
6:00 PM	Reception of the Guest Invitees
6:30 PM	Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp
6:35 PM	National Anthem followed by One Minute of Silence for National Heroes and Late SLQS Members
6:40 PM	Welcome Dance and Presentation of Souvenirs to the Guests and Other Invitees
6:45 PM	Welcome Speech by the President of SLQS Qatar
6:50 PM	Video Presentation - "20 Years of Excellence"
6:55 PM	Speeches by Guest Invitees, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Kashyapa Ukwatta (Embassy of Sri Lanka - Qatar) 2. Mr. Mohammed Bader M A Alnama (Public Works Authority – Ashghal, Qatar)
7:05 PM	Sponsor's Presentations - IMAR
7:10 PM	Musical Extravaganza by the Band - The EXIT
7:35 PM	Dance Performance by Children
7:40 PM	Speech by Guest Invitee, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Aisha Zayed M A Alkhayareen (Public Works Authority – Ashghal, Qatar)
7:45 PM	Sponsor's Presentation - DMD
7:50 PM	Musical Extravaganza Continues – The EXIT
8:10 PM	Sponsor's Presentation
8:15 PM	Dance Performance by Children
8:20 PM	Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation to Well Wishers and the Guest Invitees
8:25 PM	Vote of Thanks by the Secretary of SLQS Qatar
8:30 PM	Group Photograph of Members, Buffet Opens and Start of the Photo Booth
8:40 PM	Sponsor's Presentation
8:45 PM	Musical Extravaganza Continues – Samanalee Fonseka
9:00 PM	Distribution of Awards for the Kids' Art Competition
9:15 PM	Musical Extravaganza Continues – SLQS Members
9:30 PM	Sponsor's Presentation
9:35 PM	Musical Extravaganza Continues – The Exit
9:45 PM	Dance Performance by Children
9:50 PM	Musical Extravaganza Continues – Indrachapa Liyanage
10:10 PM	Video Presentation – Best Wishes from SLQS Past Presidents
10:15 PM	Musical Extravaganza Continues – SLQS Members
10:30 PM	Sponsor's Presentation
10:35 PM	Musical Extravaganza Continues – Samanalee and Indrachapa
11:20 PM	Musical Extravaganza Continues – SLQS Members
11:45 PM	Raffle Draw
12:00 AM	Musical Extravaganza Continues – The Exit, SLQS Members
1:00 AM	DJ Music Session
1:30 AM	End of the Annual Get-Together 2024



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Message from the Secretary of SLQS-UAE



On behalf of the entire SLQS-UAE community, it is my privilege to extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the SLQS Qatar team on the occasion of your Annual Get Together 2024. This event is not only a celebration of your successes but a testament to the dedication, professionalism, and unity that defines your organization.

SLQS Qatar has consistently provided exceptional services and opportunities for your members, playing a pivotal role in the professional development of Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors in the region. Your unwavering commitment to fostering growth and excellence within the profession is something we truly admire and respect.

At SLQS-UAE, we have always cherished the collaborative relationship we share with SLQS Qatar. Through our mutual endeavours, whether in knowledge sharing, community-building, or advancing the profession, we have achieved remarkable milestones. The spirit of cooperation between our two organizations has not only strengthened our ties but also set a benchmark for what can be accomplished when like-minded professional bodies unite for a common cause.

It is an honour for SLQS-UAE to be part of your prestigious event this year, and we are thrilled to celebrate alongside you. We look forward to continuing our joint efforts in promoting and uplifting the quantity surveying profession and supporting our members across the region.

As you celebrate this joyous occasion, please accept our sincerest appreciation for the strong bonds of friendship and partnership we have built together. May your Annual Get Together be a resounding success and may SLQS Qatar continue to prosper and inspire in the years ahead.

Wishing you a memorable and successful event!

Warm regards,
Kalana Botejue
Secretary, SLQS-UAE



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Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors - Qatar
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Message from the Secretary of SLQS-OMAN



I am delighted to extend warm greetings to SLQS Qatar on the occasion of your 20th Anniversary and Annual Get-together. Being the Secretary of SLQS Oman, it gives me immense pride to recognize the commitment and achievement of our fellow Quantity Surveyors in Qatar. This milestone is not merely a celebration but a testament to the unwavering commitment and unity that define SLQS Qatar.

The SLQS Qatar's focus on fostering professional excellence and camaraderie through various initiatives has significantly contributed to elevating the standards of Quantity Surveying in the region. Your steadfast commitment to professional development, industry collaboration, and the promotion of the Sri Lankan Quantity Surveying fraternity in Qatar has set a high benchmark for all of us.

Indeed, the 20th Anniversary celebration aptly reflects SLQS Qatar's journey of enduring growth, adaptability, and resilience. Furthermore, it will provide a very important forum for strengthening professional ties among QS professionals in the region, thus fostering a spirit of collaboration.

As the Secretary of SLQS Oman, I highly value the collaboration and sharing of ideas between our societies, as an example of regional cooperation and a matter of mutual respect. The achievements of SLQS Qatar inspire us to continue pursuing excellence and promoting the profession.

Though I am unable to attend the event in person, my heart goes out in congratulating and wishing immense success for this milestone celebration. Looking forward to future collaboration in contributing to our profession as a collective effort.

Mahesh D. Wijesinghe
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Message from the President of SLCC



I am deeply honored to stand with you today as the President of the Sri Lankan Coordinating Committee (SLCC) Qatar, as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Society of Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors (SLQS) Qatar.

Two decades is no small milestone. It stands as a testament to the enduring relevance of the Quantity Surveying profession and the exceptional leadership that has guided SLQS Qatar throughout its journey.

Today, SLQS holds the distinction of being the fastest-growing Sri Lankan community association and one of the largest professional groups representing our vibrant community in Qatar. Over the past 20 years, SLQS has worked hand in hand with SLCC Qatar to uplift the social welfare of Sri Lankan expatriates, fostering a sense of unity and purpose among us all.

Unlike many iconic cities around the world, Qatar has had the rare privilege of deliberate and visionary growth. Quantity surveyors have been at the heart of this transformation, shaping Qatar's architectural and infrastructural legacy.

The contributions of SLQS members are visible all around us, embedded in the breathtaking landmarks that define Qatar today. Your dedication and expertise have played a pivotal role in transforming this nation into the modern marvel it has become.

The 20-year journey of SLQS is not just a celebration of time but of unity, resilience, and excellence. It has been a home to countless Sri Lankan leaders who have left their mark across various sectors in Qatar, strengthening our collective pride as a community.

As you move forward, may the future bring even greater achievements. May your path continue to be guided by harmony, collaboration, and success.

Congratulations, SLQS Qatar, on this remarkable milestone. Here's to the next 20 years of growth and excellence!

Roshan Balasooriya
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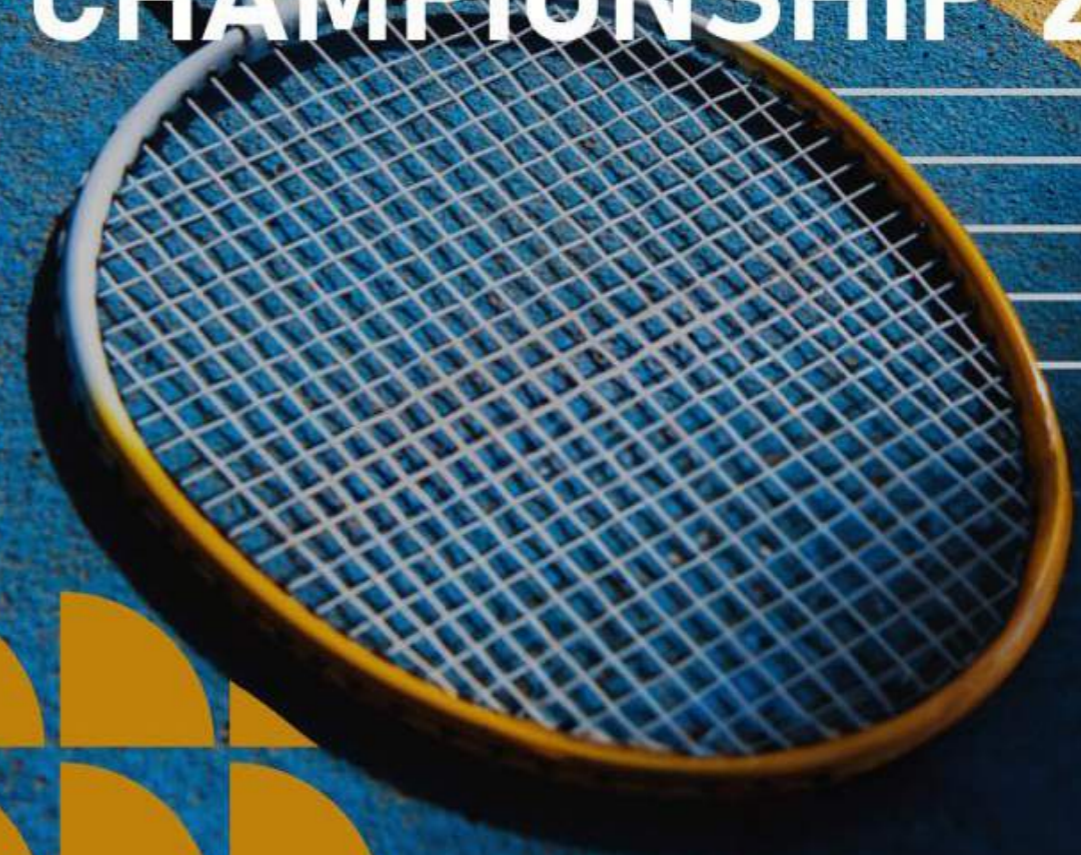
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SLQS QATAR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP 2024





BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2024

Badminton tournament was yet another initiative implemented in order to add more variety of sporting events into the SLQS event calendar. This year's badminton tournament was held on Friday, 9th August 2024 at Palestinian School Indoor Stadium. Tournament consisted of four Championship categories for men (Cup, Plate, Bowl and Shield) and one Championship category for women.

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The Effectiveness of Contractual Adjudication as a Dispute Resolution Method in the Qatar Construction Industry

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Introduction

This essay investigates UK's theories and applications of contractual Adjudication, and its effectiveness as a dispute resolution method may be an effort to the Qatari construction industry. The essay is to identify and examine issues that have been arisen from the use of current dispute resolution methods that are mainly used in Qatar. Furthermore, investigate barriers to implement contractual adjudication like a dispute resolution (DR) process in the Qatar industries of construction.

The current role of DR process in the Qatari industry of construction.

The contracts of Construction in Qatar are presented by the Civil Code Qatar with Law No. (22) Of 2004. The Civil Code Article 171(1) highlights that the law is contract based and of the different parties.

According to Hughes, Champion, and Murdoch (2015) disputes are different than conflicts. Disputes arise when a conflict becomes a confrontation due to pride or ignorance. An idea was presented in which it was made the point that the conflicts should be avoided though it does not go well as distinct population was teamed in order to present different agendas (Tjosvold 1992).

In the latest studies indicate Qatar practicing various main forms of DR processes like litigation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolutions (ADR) such as mediation, negotiation, conciliation, expert determination and contractual adjudication (DAB), to resolve construction disputes (C&E legal solutions 2019).

Litigation

According to the latest studies of C&E legal solutions (2019), most construction disputes in Qatar resolve from court action or litigation. The construction disputes related to public companies such as the ASHGHAL and KAHRAMAA projects should be referenced the courts.

Arbitration

Arbitration is also one of the famous dispute resolution methods in Qatar according to C&E legal solutions (2019). In the view of Saad, Bamatraf, and Salles (2019), Arbitration is the prevailing method for resolving disputes in major infrastructure projects in the State of Qatar and, in particular, the contracts signed between international contractors and employers such as Qatar Rail, the New Hamad Airport, the New Doha Port, Qatar Petroleum and its subsidiaries, major developers (eg, Msheireb, Sidra, Lusail, etc). Arbitration has been practiced in Arabia for thousands of years, noted that the evidence of the legitimacy of arbitration in the Holy Quran explicitly at verse 4:35.

Following to the issuance of new Arbitration Law of Qatar (Law No 2 of 2017), more contracts have tended to be signed that include arbitration agreements like a DR process. Qatar became a signatory with the New York Convention in 2003.

Additionally, the recent case Obrascon Huarte Lain SA (trading as OHL Internacional) v. Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development [2020] EWHC 1643 (Comm) has given more confidence in practicing arbitration in Qatar, as UK's High Court rejected the JV's challenge against the arbitration award.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

The major platform of ADR that is, alternative dispute resolution in Qatar are negotiation, conciliation, determination of experts, and DAB that is, dispute adjudication boards and adjudication (C&E legal solutions 2019).

According to Bartlett et al. (2011, p. 23), the complexity of disputes in building and construction has certainly increased the expense and delay in litigation and arbitration. Furthermore, parties those are in a dispute to conclude their dispute without litigation or arbitration from the aspect of ADR with the help of another person which is neutral or just parties alone.

The selections of the processes through which disputes can be resolved are taken through a contract of construction not necessarily solved through the actions of arbitration and court (Hughes, Champion & Murdoch 2015).

ADR is confidential, faster, and cheaper than the traditional court trial or arbitration. In different countries the use of ADR help reducing the caseload in the national court system (Bartlett et al 2011).

Most Construction contracts in Qatar usually provide a complex procedure that requires disputes to be handled by a professional engineer, or the interacted assigned to a specialist, or senior management of the parties to amicably settle disputes with the help of an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) method before litigation or arbitration is commenced such as expert determination (ASHGHAL and KAHRAMAA) and mediation (SC and Q-Rail) as an amicable settlement in their amended FIDIC based contracts (Nat law review 2019).

Negotiation

The negotiations are aimed at the peaceful settlement of disputes and are widely used, especially before you engage in any legal or arbitration proceedings in Doha, Qatar; the processes initiated by the parties to prepare themselves for different methods to solve all of the problems that had risen. The right to grant permission to propagate to hear from the parties: sometimes, the parties to a dispute are unable to reach an agreement by means of negotiations. It is the most common form of dispute resolution, in Doha, Qatar, is in comparison with other types of ADR methods (C&E legal solutions 2019).

Mediation

Mediation is one of the famous ways to go in Doha, Qatar, for the formal steps in order to avoid the dispute, which, in view of its flexibility, there has been a significant development over the recent years, due to the cost and the period of time than a formal process. Provisions of mediation can be seen in the Qatar Rail and the Supreme Committee (SC) agreements.

Mediation is a structured voluntary process that is privately took place and is found to be cheaper and quicker and without prejudice though litigation or arbitration with the support of a proficient impartial third person Bartlett et al (2011, p. 23).

Mediation has a rich heritage in the Middle East region. The Arab world and Islamic law recognise the concept of an independent mediator through the practice of Al Wasata. Al Wasata is the practice of one or more persons intervening in a dispute, either at the request of one or both parties or, interestingly, on their initiative.

Qatar is the third State to ratify the Singapore Convention on on 25 February 2020. The government of Qatar also in the early stage of preparation of draft domestic mediation law to cover the Singapore Convention on Mediation.

Conciliation

Conciliation is a facilitative approach similar to the 'mediation' but the conciliator has the power to make a 'recommendation' for the settlement of the dispute. Conciliation has addressed in Qatar civil code, parties entering into a settlement agreement should take into account the provisions of the articles 573 to 581.



Expert Determination

Determination of experts is the method by which, when the parties jointly, disagree, with one of the parties, which naturally helps the expert to solve the problem that has arisen between them. In particular, in which the complexity of the technical issues may arise in the future, it is a controversial subject. Some Qatari government companies' form of contracts contains determination of experts held in the DR settings such as KAHRAMAA, Qatar Rail, and ASHGHAL.

Adjudication

Adjudication in the construction is one of the steps in the disputes between the parties to a contract shall be resolved by an impartial third party, the Adjudicator of all. The drive of this study is to gain a prompt unbiased resolution to the disputes that arise in connection with the project (Bartlett et al. 2011, p. 24.1).

According to Clay and Dennys (2014, p. 11-007), there are a variety of there are kinds of Adjudications in the construction industry, such as contractual adjudications and statutory adjudications.

Statutory Adjudication

Statutory adjudication provisions are not available in Qatar, in the view of Hughes, Champion, and Murdoch (2015), building and civil engineering work in the United Kingdom and some other countries have a right to take the dispute to Adjudication. Following the recommendations of Latham (1994), the United Kingdom ("UK"), the current, quick, and inexpensive procedures to provide a more "user-friendly" form of dispute resolution proceedings that would not, from a legal point of view, should be mandatory for both the parties until the dispute is finally resolved through arbitration or in a court of law article 108 (1) of the Act of Construction.

Because of the Construction Act came into force in the United Kingdom, and the courts have followed the ruling of the costs associated with the reforms, the number of construction disputes out of the courts has been reduced by about one-third of this before (Gaitskell 2005) and (Uff 2005).

Contractual Adjudications and Dispute Adjudication Boards (DABs).

Contractual requirements for adjudication of disputes arising under construction agreements have continued to be adopted in parallel to introducing adjudication as an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedure into agreements, that requires an contract between the parties or and set-up in the standard-form contract if a pre-existing contract, agreement, order the examination, in accordance with the general terms and conditions, or if already in a separate contract, the contract is to adjudicate.

According to Eggleston (2006, p. 317), NEC3 ECC has contractual provisions for adjudication in its option W1. According to Clay and Dennys (2014, p. 11-001), contractual Adjudication has been introduced in the joint contracts tribunal (JCT) standard form of domestic sub-contract, DOM/1, to address disputes concerning payment between main contractors and sub-contractors.

According to Bartlett et al. (2011, p23.81), "The resolution of a dispute Board (DB) (also known as the Dispute Adjudication Boards (DAB), or the Dispute Resolution Boards (DRB) is a workplace of the dispute resolution process, typically comprising three independent, neutral and impartial persons selected by the contracting parties.

It was said that the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (civil works) DAB / DAAB was first introduced as the method of choice for the settlement of disputes under the agreement processes (Bartlett et al., In 2011, the s. 23.91). The DABs are, in general, do not, in Qatar, despite the fact that the developer (Barwa) make use of the brush strokes, in a number of projects.

In Singapore, the CRW Joint Operational v. PT Perusahaan Gas Legara (Persero) TBK [2001] SGCA 33, came to the decision that the sum specified in the DAB decision should be remunerated.

According to Pinsent masons (2020), in most of the civil works, the treaty constitutes a DAB of the provisions have been eliminated or reduced, in Qatar. Even if it's in 2019, the Royal Institute of Surveyors Exam in Qatar, and gave an impulse to the Dispute, the Avoidance Services in this work in the same way as for the "standby" mode.

Issues that have arisen from the current dispute resolution methods that are used in Qatar.

The complexity of disputes in building and construction has certainly increased the expense and delay in litigation and arbitration in Qatar (Construction week online 2016). According to the local law analysis, most construction disputes in Qatar involve the use of resolve from the litigation or Arbitration and Qatari Construction companies can avoid costly litigation or arbitration proceedings, through to try to resolve the dispute by way of mediation, expert opinion, or by means of an order of a court of a dispute, advise (Pinsent masons 2020).

According to Nat law review (2019) and Pinsent Masons (2020), kind of disputes has been encountered in Qatari projects related to late completion of the project, or disagreement in extension of time (EOT) and prolongation cost, disagreement in variations or other cost claims, poor workmanship and improper execution, non-payment to sub-contractor and suppliers due to payment delays from the client.

Moreover, following issues highlighted with current dispute resolution methods used in Qatar such as no timely solution to the disputes, no on-site solutions with a neutral third party, expensive processes, complicated processes due to vast procedures and protocols, lack of resources, lack of trust between parties to the contract. According to Georgiades (2012), litigation is mostly managed in Arabic. Most of the international contractors and professionals involved in litigation do not sufficiently understand the Arabic language.

Issues concerning contractual adjudication like a DR process within the construction industries of Qatar.

Pinsent Masons (2020) analysis confirmed that contractual the clauses of contractual adjudication (DAB), are not included in the most of standard state contracts, Qatar, despite the fact that, since the start of 2019, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, Qatar, the company is the popularization of the Dispute Avoidance Service (DAS), which works in exactly the same way that the "standby" mode.

Research from the Arabian Industry construction journal also highlights that in most of the FIDIC forms of the contract the contractual adjudication (DAB) provisions have been deleted or reduced in Qatar (Arabian business, 2013).

The reasons for removal or modifications of the contractual Adjudication (DAB) clauses compare to the standard FIDIC forms in Qatari construction projects are such as insufficient knowledge, lack of adjudicators in Qatar, geographical and cultural limitations, the Qatari clients want to pass on most risks to the Contractor and not interested in making any modifications to their standard construction agreement.

Factors impacting the selection of contractual adjudication as dispute resolution method in construction projects in Qatar such as cultural value, behaviour, geographical influences, protocols, customs, parties' relationship, lessons learned from previous experience, the volume of disputes, level of disputes, complexity, awareness, expenses, duration, and resources.

The engineer is to lose the confidence with which one of the parties may resolve the dispute. This situation has led to the establishment of the Settlement of Commissions (DAB) (Pinsent masons, 2020). The early formation of DABs less appropriate in minor construction projects due to cost factors (Draper 2007).

Advantages by having contractual adjudication (DAB) clauses within the forms of contracts such as the proactive DAB will make sure that the dispute will not grow up and reaches the next level "prevention is better than the cure", cost-effective process, beneficial than a compromised agreement, on-site adjudication process, can make the adjudicator's decision binding, the guidance of "good faith" will support the adjudication process, adjudication will largely reduce the dispute to reach court or arbitration, and having contractual adjudication advantageous to both parties.

To overcome the limitations regarding practicing contractual adjudication in Qatar, the parties and authorities should promote the concept, a professional body should establish in Qatar, Qatar's cultural, geographical, and behavioural requirements should have addressed in specialized contractual adjudication (DAB) provision.



Expert determination is utilized in Qatar especially wherein there can be complex technical issues in dispute in addition down the road (Pinsent masons 2020). Adjudication differs from mediation due to the fact the adjudicator's function isn't always to facilitate an agreed compromise however to supply an objective choice at the dispute (Bartlett et al. 2011). The right to grant permission to propagate to hear from the parties; sometimes, the parties to a dispute are unable to reach an agreement by means of negotiations. The Qatari litigation is mostly managed in Arabic, most of the international contractors and professionals involved in litigation do not sufficiently understand the Arabic language.

The results due to the issues with current dispute resolution are such as small and medium-sized enterprises washed off due to cash flow issues, parties maintain a huge volume of resources due to prolonged dispute resolution methods, parties cannot anticipate the final amount of the total expense of the dispute resolution process at the early stages and a large amount of the projects were not completed on the agreed contract duration and most of the contractors or subcontracts suffer from negative cash flow due to unsettled disputes, and litigation overloaded with minor disputes, which creates a bad reputation for the state and the industry.

The most often occurring dispute types in Qatari construction projects are time-related disputes, cost and contract-related disputes, and payment-related disputes. It also noted rapid, on-site, neutral, cost-effective, and simple dispute resolution methods not available in Qatari construction projects such as adjudication.

Conclusion

The current role in industry of construction for DR in Qatar has been fulfilled by practicing different types of methods of DR like; conciliation, negotiation, mediation, expert determination, contractual adjudication (DAB), litigations and arbitration to resolve construction disputes. The Adjudication proceedings are different from mediation in that the function of an Adjudicator is not in support of the implementation has been agreed upon as a compromise, but in order to make an objective decision in the event of a dispute regarding the other. In addition, the Adjudication, which is different from that of arbitration or litigation process, in that it is an interim procedure subject to be adjusted. The complexity of disputes in building and construction has certainly increased the expense and delay in litigation and arbitration. Expert determination is used in Qatar especially at the place at which there are complex disputes.

Qatar's construction industry will accept contractual adjudication (DAB) as a dispute resolution method. There has been an effort for the reason that 2019 by means of the RICS in Qatar to push the DAS which operates in a similar way to DABs.

In conclusion, the contractual adjudication will be an on-site midway effective DR in the construction industries of Qatar than negotiation, mediation, conciliation, and expert determination. This will largely reduce the dispute to reach court or arbitration and save time, and money for all the stakeholders in the Qatari construction industry.

This essay recommends that to have further research to evaluate the effectiveness of a model construction (contract) Act to Qatar's construction industry in the light of the UK's (LDED) Act 2009 and (HGCR) Act 1996.

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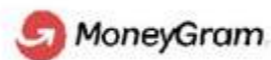
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PLATE

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TROPHY

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Nimeshika Hewage



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Best Bowler - Shield
Kanishka Lakmal



Best Bowler - Plate
Arun Sriramasuntharan

Men's Teams



22 Strikers



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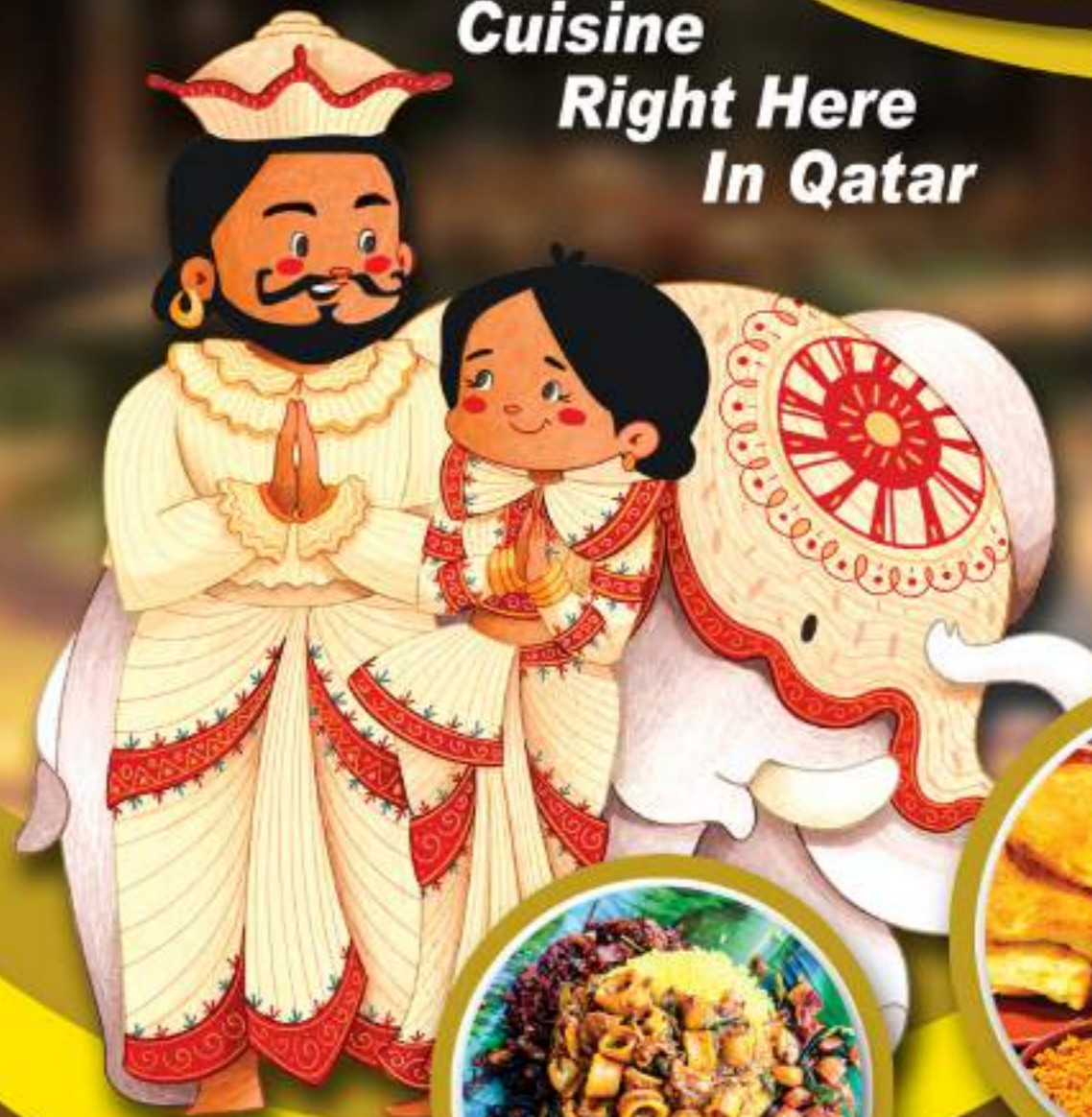


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Understanding the Legal Position of Carrying Defamatory Statements Through Social Media in Sri Lanka

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Introduction

The aim of this essay is to explain the legal position of defamatory statements via social media under Sri Lankan law context and to provide an outline understanding of the country's pertinent law. Social media plays a crucial role in human life and cannot be avoided or ignored. While there are many advantages of social media in the evolving technological era, it also largely influenced on the personal integrity as it is an open platform to criticize anyone at any extent which potentially harms the reputation. Even though freedom of expression is encouraged around the world, one can argue that the social media is a tool for defamatory statements. Our postings in the social media may unknowingly fall into the defamation category. Therefore, it is vital to aware the relevant legal provisions in this matter.

Defamation

According to the LexisNexis dictionary, A defamatory statement is one which is untrue, and which tends either (a) to lower a person in the estimation of right-thinking members of society generally; or (b) to expose a person to hatred ridicule or contempt; or (c) to disparage a person in his or her office, profession, calling, trade or business. In other words, defamation is a public communication that tends to injure the reputation of another by written and oral modes.

As per a survey, there is a significant increase (around 23%) in social media users in Sri Lanka between 2020 and 2021 which is equivalent to 37% of the population. As per Digital Portal there are around 7.2 million social media users in the country in 2023. This shows a gradual increase in social media users thus leading to large number of posts and sharing of news through the platform.

Sri Lankan Legislation on Defamation

It is imperative that the stringent law should be in place to regulate such wrongdoings. Sri Lankan Constitution allows the right of freedom of expression under Article 14(1), however there are restrictions on this as stated in Articles 15(2) and 15(7) of the Constitution. Article 15(2) states that Article 14(1)(a) may be restricted to promote racial and religious peace or in connection with parliamentary privilege, contempt of court, defamation, or encouragement to commit an offense. In addition, Article 19 of the The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR - UN) recognizes the freedom of opinion and expression. As this ratified by Sri Lanka, the country is legally obligated to respect, protect and promote the rights.

Sri Lanka has no distinct law of regulating social media defamations, however many guidelines are available for similar issues. As highlighted by Liyanage, the Penal Code does not stipulate any provision for defamation, even though the Constitution requires the protection against defamatory statements which can affect the national interest and national security. The criminal defamation is not a part of the Sri Lankan legal system after it was repealed by the Penal Code (Amendment) Act No.12 of 2002. Prior to 2002, defamation in Sri Lanka was a criminal conduct, however repealed in 2002 as the international community sees to put as criminal will threaten the freedom of expression. The politicians misused to punish the opponents under Penal Code for opposite thoughts and control the press.

The following are some of the legislative measures adopted by Sri Lanka in relation to the defamation.

Computer Crimes Act, No. 24 of 2007

The Computer Crime Act established new procedures, and all violations under this Act are punishable by law. Another important arrangement is that the government might designate a group of professionals to support law enforcement. To help the police officers in their investigation, a panel of specialists will be appointed. It also provides special power to the investigation officers including the power of search and seizure which includes the laws for interception and real time collection of traffic data, and the request to preserve information. However, the act not sufficiently addressed about defamation.

Police Ordinance No. 16 of 1865

The Police Ordinance gives the police with various powers to control situations where there is a threat to public peace and public order. As per the section 98, anyone who disseminates untrue information with the intention of frightening locals and causing "a panic" in any part of Sri Lanka will be found guilty of a crime. Moreover, the provision is broad enough to be interpreted to include false reports on social media. However, the publicly available information about the use of this section to make any arrests or charge perpetrators is limited.

The Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No. 25 of 1991

The Act enables the concerned authority to take Regulatory measures as can be prescribed to conform with any preferred or unique guidelines that can be given to it every now and then through the Government of Sri Lanka related to the security, public order, and the defense of the country.

In addition to the acts, Sri Lanka Computer Emergency Readiness Team (SLCERT) and Colombo Crime Division (CCD) in Criminal Investigations Department (CID) are available to advice on the latest threats and vulnerabilities affecting the country's computer systems and networks. The CID had introduced 'Hi-tech Crime Investigation Units' across the country to fight cybercrimes and focus on the sexual harassment of women on social media, threats to children, and financial crimes.

A recent case of defamation recorded in Sri Lanka filed by Copreus Ltd., against the operators of The Life Traveler YouTube channel under defamation denying the videos regarding the allegation of Copreus engages in illegal activities including fraud. The court ordered the defendants preventing them from continuing to publish and/or allowing to be published, displayed or hosted on The Life Traveler YouTube channel or any other social media channel or in any other manner.

In recent past, Sri Lanka witnessed many defamatory issues to the political leaders and other matters. As an example, a woman was arrested under Computer Crime Act for spreading false rumors that one of the former presidents was conducted with corona virus. Another arrest was reported under Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) regarding a poem published in a magazine. Then the cabinet approved a resolution to draft a bill to protect society from the harm caused by false propaganda on the internet.

In a US case of Durand, it was held that an individual is liable for defamation on a post in the social media and awarded large damages in determining the defamation. The court stated that the defamation through social media posts is deemed to occur where the defamatory statements are read, accessed or downloaded.

Liyanage recommended that, it would be effective to re-introduce criminal defamation to the Sri Lankan legal system in a way that issues arising out of digital diplomacy can also be addressed. It is also envisaged by Damithri saying that the police and other law enforcement agencies are powerless to stop defamation crimes because it is not a crime. People are regularly the targets of cyberdefamation on social media platforms.

Another recent case was registered in Attanagalla Magistrate Court, where Five defamations were filed in the court by several online companies against many social media activists for allegedly publishing inaccurate information in Facebook and WhatsApp resulting the tarnishing of reputation and company business. The plaintiffs claimed LKR 500 million for defamation and LKR 350 million as a loss of business. Total compensation is around LKR 4250 million. Plaintiffs stated to the court that they were doing business as per the law of the country and by these false postings the businesses are adversely affected. The court issued orders for the defendants to appear in the court. Hence, the defamation once it proven will be treated as a serious offence in



Sri Lanka thus leading to pay the large monetary compensation in addition to other punitive measures under the law. It is an alarming for the social media activists in the country to be cautious in posting any defamatory statements for the publicity or any other motives.

Conclusion

The freedom of speech does not warrant to make statements tarnishing one’s personal integrity. The Sri Lankan legal system addresses the defamation but not sufficiently covered for the defamation through social media. It is important to see other countries legal frameworks in enhancing the laws against social media defamation. Defamation has been declared illegal in many nations, even though international agreements and rulings have strongly denounced criminal defamation. With the lack of clear legislation for defamation in social media in the country, case laws will play a major role in future. While making stringent laws, one’s right to be protected for making constructive criticisms for the interest of the public at large.

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Ampara General Hospital



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G2 – 6-8 Years



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Nethul Yenuka Jayakodi



2nd Place
Methni Sehasna Eshwara



3rd Place
Luqman Mohamed Nuski

G3 – 9-11 Years



2nd Place
Ashen Yenul Jayakodi



1st Place
Ryan Mohamadu Fawzan



2nd Place
Nihira Thayaparan



Key Provisions of Qatar's Construction Law for Effective Claims Resolution

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Introduction

A comprehensive understanding of construction laws is crucial for construction professionals to effectively manage and handle claims in the industry. In light of this, the writer has summarised key provisions of Law No. (22) of the Qatar Civil Code, 2004, which are particularly relevant to the construction sector. A solid grasp of these important legal articles will enhance their ability to address claims, protect their interests, and ensure compliance with the legal requirements governing construction projects in Qatar.

Article 171: A contract is the law of the contracting parties and cannot be revoked or modified except by the agreement of the parties or for such reasons that are prescribed by the law.

Article 171 of the Qatar Civil Code means that once two parties enter into a contract, they are legally bound by its terms and must fulfil their obligations as agreed. The principle of freedom of contract is emphasised, allowing for no unilateral changes or cancellations unless both parties consent. However, the article also recognises that in certain situations, such as impossibility of performance, force majeure, or breach of contract, the law allows for the modification or termination of the agreement without the need for mutual consent. These legal exceptions ensure fairness and protect the parties in cases where continuing to abide by the original terms would be unjust or impractical. Thus, Article 171 strikes a balance between ensuring the stability and predictability of contracts, while also providing flexibility to address unforeseen circumstances or failures to perform.

Article 172(1): A contract must be performed in accordance with the contents thereof and in a way that is consistent with the requirements of good faith.

Article 172(1) of the Qatar Civil Code mandates that contracts must be performed not only according to their explicit terms but also in a manner that aligns with the principles of good faith. This means that the parties involved are required to fulfil their obligations honestly, fairly, and with consideration for the other party's interests, beyond simply adhering to the letter of the contract. The requirement for good faith ensures that neither party takes advantage of the other, engages in deceitful behaviour, or acts in a way that undermines the purpose of the agreement. It emphasises that the spirit of cooperation and ethical conduct should guide the execution of the contract, promoting trust and fairness in contractual relationships.

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- 3rd Place Hannah Clementine Kandededara
- 3rd Place Shakra Ahamed Mahir
- Monara Sethumli Denipitiya
- Zayba Ifham
- S.M.Aabith Ahamed
- Dona Dahamsa Sendini Hapuarachchi
- Muaadh Mohamed Ifham
- 1st Place Thisha Thayaparan
- 1st Place Dona Thimansa Sesandi Hapuarachchi
- 2nd Place R.L Dihansa Siheli
- 3rd Place D.R.Y Yasarasie



Article 172(2): A contract will not be confined to binding a party to what is contained therein but will also include the associated obligations therewith in accordance with the law, custom and justice and according to the nature of the obligation.

Article 172(2) of the Qatar Civil Code expands the scope of contractual obligations beyond what is explicitly written in the contract. It states that a contract not only binds the parties to the specific terms they have agreed upon but also to additional obligations that arise from the law, custom, justice, and the nature of the obligation. This means that, in addition to the express terms, the contract may impose further duties or responsibilities that are implied by legal principles, social customs, or fairness. For example, certain duties might arise based on the type of contract, such as an implied duty of care in service contracts or the obligation to act in good faith in commercial dealings regardless of whether they are explicitly stated. This provision ensures that contracts are interpreted in a broader context, reflecting the intention of the parties and the wider legal and social framework within which the agreement operates.

Article 711: The Contractor and the designer will be jointly liable for any total or partial collapse or any defect in buildings or fixed installations even if such collapse or defect is the result of a fault in the land or if the building owner has approved such buildings or installations. Such liability will cover any defects appearing in the building or installations that threaten their stability and safety.

Article 711 of the Qatar Civil Code establishes joint liability for contractors and designers regarding defects or collapses in buildings or fixed installations. It holds both parties accountable for any total or partial collapse, or any defect that compromises the stability or safety of the structure, even if the cause is related to issues with the land itself or if the building owner has approved the construction. This means that the contractor and the designer are responsible for ensuring that the building or installation is safe and structurally sound, regardless of external factors. The liability extends to defects that pose a risk to the stability or safety of the building, ensuring that both the contractor and designer cannot escape responsibility simply due to the owner's approval or external circumstances. The provision emphasises the importance of quality and safety in construction and installation work, holding professionals to a high standard of care and accountability. This article is not only applicable to building construction but also to any type of construction within Qatar.

Articles 256 to 268: Execution through Compensation.

These articles primarily focus on compensation to the employer (the creditor) when the contractor (the debtor) fails to fulfil their contractual obligations in a construction contract. The purpose is to ensure that the employer is compensated for any damages or losses incurred due to the contractor's non-performance, delays, or breaches of the contract. In the context of construction, the concept of "Execution through Compensation" governs the responsibilities and liabilities of a contractor (the debtor) when they fail to meet their obligations under the contract or when they experience delays. If the contractor does not perform the agreed-upon tasks, or fails to do so on time, they are typically required to compensate the Employer (the creditor) for any damages that result from this non-performance. However, the contractor can be excused from liability if they can demonstrate that the failure or delay was due to an external cause beyond their control, such as a force majeure event (e.g., natural disasters or other unforeseen circumstances). If the creditor's (Employer) own actions or mistakes contributed to the damage, or even worsened the situation, the



court may reduce or eliminate the compensation that the debtor is required to pay. This ensures fairness by considering the role that both parties might have played in the resulting damages. Additionally, in certain construction contracts, the debtor may agree in advance to assume responsibility for events of force majeure or unforeseen incidents, in which case the Contractor could still be liable for delays or failures caused by such circumstances.

Compensation for damages typically becomes due only after the debtor has been formally warned. This warning can be provided through an official notice or by registered mail, giving the debtor an opportunity to remedy the situation. In certain circumstances, such as when the obligation is due, when the debtor's actions make the contract impossible to perform, or when the subject matter involves stolen goods or an unjust act, a warning is not required. The court will assess compensation if it has not been predetermined in the contract or specified by law. Compensation will include the actual loss suffered by the creditor as well as any lost profits, provided that these damages are a natural and foreseeable consequence of the debtor's failure to perform. However, if the debtor did not act with deceit or gross negligence, the compensation is typically limited to the damages that could have been reasonably expected when the contract was signed. Additionally, moral damages, such as harm to the creditor's reputation or emotional distress, can also be taken into account under specific conditions.

In summary, the framework of "Execution through Compensation" in construction contracts ensures that the creditor (Employer) is compensated for any damage resulting from the debtor's failure to perform contractual obligations. The approach takes into account circumstances where both parties share responsibility, where exemptions for unforeseen events might apply, and where compensation is due after formal warnings. The law also provides mechanisms for determining compensation based on loss, including moral damages, while preventing unjust claims beyond agreed-upon amounts unless fraudulent behaviour is proven. This system ensures fairness and clarity in addressing breaches of contract and the resulting damages.

Article 692(1): If performance of the work requires the employer to do something specific and he does not do so at the appropriate time, the contractor may charge him to do it within such reasonable period as he specifies.

Article 692 addresses the situation in which the employer is required to take certain actions or provide specific inputs for the contractor to perform the work as part of the construction contract. If the employer fails to do what is required at the appropriate time, whether it is providing necessary materials, approvals, or access to the site, the contractor is entitled to charge the employer for the delay.

The contractor, in this case, has the right to set a reasonable period of time for the employer to fulfil their obligations. This ensures that the contractor is not unduly delayed or hindered by the employer's failure to act. The specified period should be fair and allow the employer enough time to take the required action. If the employer still fails to act within that time frame, the contractor may be entitled to charge for any additional costs or delays caused by the employer's inaction. This provision is designed to protect the contractor from being held responsible for delays that are the employer's fault, ensuring that the contractor can proceed with the work without being unduly affected by the employer's failure to meet their obligations.



In summary, Article 692 ensures that the contractor is not penalised for delays or interruptions caused by the employer's failure to perform their part of the contract. It allows the contractor to specify a reasonable time for the employer to take the necessary action, and if the employer still does not comply, the contractor can charge for the resulting delay or additional costs. This article helps maintain the smooth progress of the work and holds both parties accountable for their respective duties in the construction contract.

Article 692(2): If the period expires without the employer having fulfilled his obligation, the contractor may seek rescission of the contract, without prejudice to his right to compensation, if he so requires.

Article 692(2) provides that if the employer fails to fulfil their obligation within the reasonable period set by the contractor, the contractor has the right to seek rescission of the contract. This means the contractor can choose to terminate the agreement due to the employer's failure to perform their part of the contract. However, this right to rescind does not affect the contractor's right to compensation. In other words, the contractor can terminate the contract and still claim damages for any losses or costs incurred as a result of the employer's failure to meet their obligations. This provision ensures that the contractor is not left at a disadvantage if the employer's inaction causes significant delays or financial loss.

Article 707(1): The employer shall be entitled to be relieved from the contract and to stop the performance of the work at any time before its completion, provided he shall compensate for all the expenses he has expended, and the works he has performed, and what he could have gained had he completed the work.

Article 707(1) addresses the employer's right to terminate the construction contract before its completion, effectively halting the performance of the work at any time. If the employer chooses to exercise this right, they must compensate the contractor for all expenses already incurred and any work already performed up until the point of termination. This ensures that the contractor is not left with unpaid costs for work done. Additionally, the employer is also required to compensate for lost profit—the amount the contractor could have gained if the work had been completed as initially agreed. This provision protects the contractor's financial interests in case the employer decides to terminate the contract prematurely, ensuring they are reimbursed for both direct costs and lost opportunities. It also underscores the employer's responsibility to provide fair compensation when ending the contract before the work is finished, thus preventing unjust enrichment at the contractor's expense.

Article 707(2): The court may however decrease the due compensation for the profit which the contractor has lost if the circumstances make this decrease just, and it shall specifically deduct from it whatever the contractor has saved as a result of the employer relieving himself from the contract, and what he has gained by utilising his time in another work.

Article 707(2) provides that while the contractor is entitled to compensation for lost profit when the employer terminates the contract before completion, the court has the discretion to reduce the amount of compensation for lost profit if the circumstances justify such a reduction. Specifically, the court will consider any savings the contractor has made due to the termination, such as costs that were no longer incurred because the work was halted. Additionally, if the contractor has used the time that would have been spent on the project to engage in other profitable work, the court



may also deduct any gains the contractor made from that alternative work. The goal is to ensure that the contractor is fairly compensated but not unjustly enriched by the early termination of the contract. In essence, the contractor will only receive compensation for lost profits to the extent that they truly lost out on income, and any savings or gains they made during the period of contract termination will be considered to adjust the compensation accordingly.

Conclusion

In conclusion, a comprehensive understanding of the Qatar Civil Code, particularly the key provisions outlined in Law No. (22) of the Qatar Civil Code, 2004, is essential for construction professionals to effectively manage and resolve claims. The articles discussed establish critical principles governing contractual obligations, performance standards, and liabilities in the construction sector. These legal provisions ensure that contracts are binding and enforceable, require good faith in contract performance, and outline the responsibilities of contractors and designers regarding the safety and stability of constructed works. Additionally, the compensation mechanisms, such as those detailed in Articles 256 to 268, provide a clear framework for addressing the employer's claims related to delays, non-performance, and breaches of contract.

Articles 692 and 707 further enhance the protection of both the employer and contractor, ensuring fair compensation for losses, including lost profits, and allowing for contract rescission under specific circumstances. The law not only ensures that parties fulfil their contractual duties but also provides flexibility to address unforeseen situations and injustices, such as force majeure or employer-induced delays. By understanding these critical legal provisions, construction professionals can better navigate disputes, minimise risks, and safeguard their interests, thereby ensuring smoother project execution and resolution of claims in the construction industry.

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Introduction

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming most industries and construction is no exception. Quantity Surveying (QS), a profession that plays a crucial role in the construction sector, is being impacted by these AI advancements. Integrating AI in QS and construction will not only streamline processes but also unlock new avenues for innovation, paving the way for innovative more efficient, and cost-effective construction practices.

What is AI?

The definition of AI itself has evolved over the years as and when we gain deeper insights into what AI is, and it will likely continue to change in the future. The simplest and most widely accepted definition of Artificial Intelligence (AI) from the terminology itself is the intelligence that is found in an artificial system. This can be further described as the simulation of human intelligence in machines that are programmed to think, learn, and adapt like humans.

Is it something new?

The concept of AI is not entirely new as the term "Artificial Intelligence" was initially introduced in 1956 by computer scientist John McCarthy, at a conference. However, significant advancements in AI have been made over the past two decades along with rising computational power, availability of large databases, and improvement of algorithms. In fact, I have used a primitive AI feature to conclude this article, which is the "Spelling and Grammar" function of "Microsoft Word" as it falls under the category of basic Language Processing in AI.

Progression of AI

According to RICS, the development of AI can be divided into four waves as outlined below:

The first wave is by rule-based systems which include software based on algorithms and logical rules developed by experts. These systems encompassed the capabilities of implementing simple logical rules only for pre-defined problems. An example of this first-wave outcome is the creation of computerized chess games.

The second wave involves statistical learning, where models are provided with extensive data to analyse and improve efficiency, rather than being governed by predefined rules. Although the results were comparatively advanced, limitations in logical capacity led to unclear conclusions. Earlier versions of 'Google Translate' is a classic example of this wave.

The third wave which is deep learning AI are sophisticated systems that can train themselves, and extract information from various sources (statistical learning) to reach a conclusion by incorporating the use of algorithms and logical rules. This wave brought about advanced breakthroughs such as image and speech recognition, and Natural Language Processing (NLP). The birth of 'Siri' in iPhones is a product of this third wave.

The fourth wave of AI is what we are experiencing presently as Autonomous AI with generative models like ChatGPT and large language models transforming advancements across various domains. In addition, the modern integration of AI into robotics has created a wide range of possibilities in tangible applications, which could exceptionally enhance tasks in manufacturing, healthcare, IT, and beyond.



Has AI already been used in Quantity Surveying and the construction industry?

Indeed, AI has already been integrated into a range of tools and software widely used in the construction industry including the QS sector for years as below examples.

'Microsoft Excel' is arguably the most widely used software application in Quantity Surveying. Its built-in functions such as Macros and VB (Visual Basic) use automation of repetitive tasks and complex calculations, enhancing efficiency and accuracy in data management. In addition, formulas such as 'IF', 'AND', 'OR', and 'VLOOKUP', involve basic decision-making and logic which can be considered as an early stage of a rule-based AI system.

Primavera/Microsoft Project: The resource levelling feature, which automatically adjusts project schedules to resolve resource conflicts and over-allocations can be considered as the use of basic features of AI which are algorithms and automation.

Current applications of AI

Few examples of the many current AI applications in Quantity Surveying are as follows.

Estimation and Budgeting: One of the key responsibilities of a quantity surveyor during the pre-tender stage is to provide precise budgets and cost estimates. AI-powered tools will have the capability to analyse extensive historical data, determine the patterns, and make required adjustments to generate precise cost estimates.

Quantity take-off: At present, it is no longer surprising that modern software applications with AI integration can generate precise quantity take-offs from 2D or 3D designs within a minute, a process that would have taken months with conventional methods.

Communication and interaction: Unlike quantity take-offs, communication and interactions with stakeholders still cannot be fully taken over by AI tools due to the complex nature of the industry. However, tools with the integration of AI and NLP technologies can greatly enhance the communication process.

Integration of advanced AI in BIM - Future potential

It is a fact that Building Information Modelling (BIM) has reshaped the construction industry in the recent past in many ways. 5D BIM which incorporates timeline and cost elements to the spectrum has significantly enhanced the capabilities of capturing and managing information throughout the project life cycle. Therefore, seamless integration of BIM (primarily an information model) with AI (information-driven self-learning model) will immensely change the direction of the industry towards a far more efficient and effective level, hence holding the greatest potential in the future amongst all in the construction sector.

BIM-related tools have been utilizing AI functionalities even from their initial versions, mainly the first-wave (rule-based) and second-wave (statistical learning) functionalities which were used for tasks such as generating visualizations, basic scheduling, and auto document generation. In the present context, advanced AI functionalities such as predictive analysis for automating repetitive tasks, automated reports, conversational AI support (NLP), and automating symbols/elements detection are being introduced to BIM. Moreover, project planners will be able to run 'what if?' scenarios and reschedule project programs in a few minutes.

Further potentials of AI in BIM are fully or semi-automated feasibility assessments, tendering, time optimization, quality checks, real-time site monitoring, material tracking, project management, and risk management. It will also be able to assist in the in-depth technical knowledge barrier of a quantity surveyor by analysing various design options, suggesting modifications for design optimization, and identifying cost-saving opportunities in value engineering exercises and such. Enhancement in safety aspects to reach the zero-incident goal using deep learning and automation is also something to be expected in the future.

Challenges of implementing AI in the construction industry

Integrating AI into construction and quantity surveying presents several challenges in two main subsets. One is technical challenges, where the sensitive human factor plays a critical role as outlined in the following examples.

When integrating sustainability aspects into a project, one key pillar is social sustainability, which may not be fully optimized by an AI model. A value engineering exercise for interior design aspects while preserving the intended quality, will have a significant impact on the client's aesthetic preference (such as paints, tiles, artworks, furnishings), which is highly unlikely to be generated through an AI model. Communications and negotiations related to claims, variations, disputes, and similar matters are unlikely to be replaced by AI in the near future.

The other subset is practical challenges. As with most modern solutions, the initial investment (software, licenses) and the high costs associated with training and re-engineering processes will discourage the implementation of AI solutions. Another obstacle is the resistance to substantial change within organizations, and the shortage of specialized AI skills within the construction industry. Moreover, the overall spectrum of the construction industry and its recognized practices such as procurement processes including tendering, standard documents, and techniques including forms of contracts needs to be amended to leverage the potential of AI tools. The distinctive nature of the construction industry makes applying AI more challenging, as models must be tailored to construction-specific contexts. Additionally, the widespread concern among industry employees about AI potentially replacing their jobs is another significant factor. Despite these challenges, AI integration has been increased recently due to its promising benefits of improved accuracy and efficiency.

Resistance to AI will not be sustainable in the long run while collaboration will be the best solution. The adoption of AI in the construction industry will require sensible revisiting of well-established systems, processes, and practices at a reasonable pace to ensure bearable disruption to all stakeholders during the transition.

Will AI Replace Quantity Surveyors?

Well, if you are a QS focused solely in quantity take-offs and BOQ preparation, and if you are not open to developing your skills, qualifications, and expertise; then the answer might be 'Yes'. However, despite its advancements, AI is still far from taking over the role of a highly experienced quantity surveyor who is proficient in the full spectrum of commercial and contract management such as claims management, project management, risk management, contract law, sustainable development, BIM, along with substantial knowledge in its associated AI tools.

It is a matter of time before the role of a quantity surveyor will be reshaped, as AI-driven tools will eventually become integral to the profession similar to how we presently use 'Microsoft Excel'. Therefore, it will be paramount to become conversant in AI-integrated BIM software, and other AI tools as the expertise of a qualified and skilled quantity surveyor conversant in AI tools will be a highly valuable asset to any construction-related organization.

AI is inevitable, and it will significantly transform the industry, leading it toward greater efficiency and effectiveness across time, cost, quality, and beyond. Therefore, instead of perceiving AI as a threat, it should be considered a challenge to be embraced as an opportunity to become a better version of a professional by utilizing AI tools as enablers in many ways to excel in our careers towards success.

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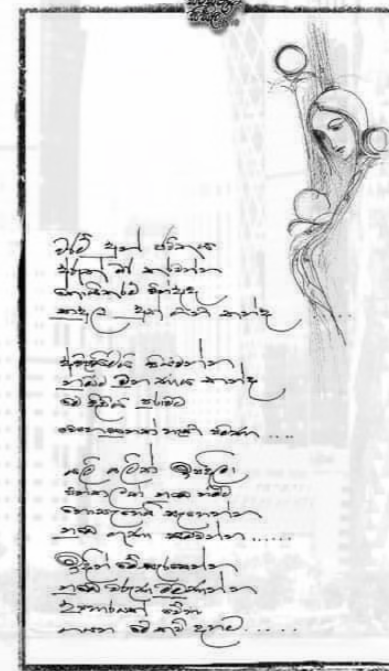
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SLQS TOASTMASTERS CLUB



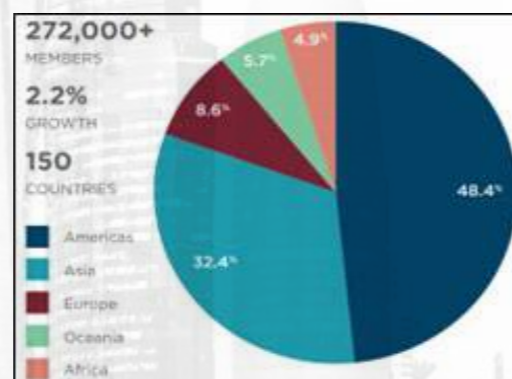


SLQS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

For quantity surveyors, communication and leadership skills are essential in managing project costs, contracts, and stakeholder relationships effectively. Strong communication skills enable them to explain complex technical details to both industry experts and clients, ensuring clarity and reducing misunderstandings. Leadership skills, on the other hand, are crucial for coordinating teams, making strategic decisions, and maintaining project momentum. By leading effectively, quantity surveyors foster collaboration, set clear expectations, and resolve conflicts, all of which are vital in achieving successful project outcomes. Together, these skills enhance project efficiency, client trust, and overall project success, making them indispensable in the field.

Toastmasters International

To improve communication and leadership skills, professionals often attend workshops, which typically last two to three months and can be expensive, limiting ongoing practice. Toastmasters International offers an excellent environment for lifelong learning in these areas and has a strong global reputation. As a non-profit organization, Toastmasters is celebrating its centennial.



The chart shows member statistics as of 2024 (data from Toastmasters Magazine, October 2024).

The SLQS Toastmasters Club was formed in 2018 as a tool to improve communication and leadership skills for members of the Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors (SLQS) in Qatar. The SLQS Toastmasters Club is open to everyone, meaning anyone from any nationality can join, regardless of job preference.

Club Mission

We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

What is happening in the Toastmasters Meeting?

Meeting is containing three (3) segments as follows

- Prepared Speeches
- Impromptu Speeches (Table Topics)
- Evaluation (Feedback)



The meeting opens with introductions, led by the Toastmaster of the Day. Members take on roles like Timer, Ah-Counter, Grammarian and Listener supporting the flow and providing feedback. Prepared speakers present speeches based on Pathways projects. Table Topics offers spontaneous speaking practice. Each speech receives constructive evaluations. The meeting closes with awards, announcements, and feedback. This format provides a supportive space to develop communication and leadership skills



All roles are filled by club members on a rotating basis. This allows everyone the opportunity to practice different skills, such as leading, evaluating, and organizing. Rotating roles also keep meetings dynamic and help members develop a well-rounded set of communication and leadership abilities.

Benefits of being a Toastmaster

- Public Speaking Confidence
- Leadership Development
- Improved Communication Skills
- Constructive Feedback and Growth
- Networking and Community
- Time Management and Organization
- Enhanced Listening Skills
- Personal and Professional Development
- Global Recognition
- Self-Paced and Goal-Oriented Learning
- Fun and Camaraderie



In addition to the above, as a Quantity Surveying professionals,

- Improves confidence in conducting meetings effectively
- A platform for APC candidates to familiarize themselves with the process of answering questions

FAQ:

Q: Is there any specific enrolment period to join TMs?

A: No, you may join at any time.

Q: How much does it cost to join Toastmasters?

A: It is a bearable cost by the professionals



Meeting dates:

Every 1st & 3rd Saturdays (6.45 pm to 9.15 pm) of each month.

For more details, please send a message to the club's email at slqstmclub@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page, 'SLQS Toastmasters Club Qatar'.

Our Success Stories...

The six-year-old SLQS Toastmasters Club has completed 141 meetings to date. We celebrated milestone meetings (e.g., the 50th, 75th, 100th, and 125th) with the presence of club mentors and SLQS-Qatar members.

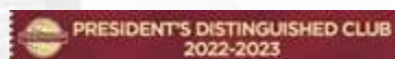


Club Achievements

Our club conducted a Speechcraft program in 2022, and 80% of the non-Toastmaster attendees joined our club. To keep our members active, we organize various activities such as a Photography Contest, Book Reading, Storytelling, and more, which help our members improve and identify their hidden talents while also exposing them to the community.

Our club consistently meets the goals set by Toastmasters International to assess club progress each year through the Distinguished Club Program.

- President's Distinguished Club (nine of the 10 goals) in 2021, 2022 & 2023
- Select Distinguished Club (seven of the 10 goals) in 2024
- Distinguished Club (six of the 10 goals) in 2019 & 2020



Apart from the club level, the club members listed below are serving or have served on the executive committee of the Area and Division.

- Kosala Ranatunga – Area 28 Director 2023-2024
- Ramya Sri Bandara – Area 28 Director 2024-2024



Path to Professional Success

Following members Ahilan Sathiyakumar, Gishan Nadeera, Mathisuthan Paramsothinathan, Nivarthana Dilharee, Satheeshwaran Sivanesan and Rajeepan Arumugam have achieved their chartered status in Quantity Surveying after joining Toastmasters International. They all shared that regularly attending club meetings

helped them practice active listening and confidently speak concisely within the given time limits, not only in APC interviews but also in job interviews and office meetings.

Contest Winners

Over the years, our club members have participated in speech contests at the Area, Division, and District levels, leaving a mark with the club's name.

Year 2022 (Language English)

- Dinesh Gunasena - 1st Runner-up in the International Speech Contest at the Area level
- Gishan Nadeera - 1st Runner-up in the Evaluation Speech Contest at the Area level

Year 2022 (Language Tamil)

- Satheeshwaran Sivanesan
- Champion Speaker in the International Speech Contest at District 116 (Qatar)
- 1st Runner-up in the Table Topics Speech Category at the Division Level

- Ahilan Sathiyakumar
2nd Runner-up in the International Speech Category at the Division Level
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Year 2023 (Language English)

- Satheeshwaran Sivanesan - 1st Place in the International Speech Contest at the Area Level
- Yuwanthi Costa - 1st Place in the Table Topics Speech Contest at the Area Level
- Sarvathas Sarvananthan - 1st Runner-up in the Humorous Speech Contest at the Area Level



Year 2023 (Language Tamil)

- Satheeshwaran Sivanesan - 1st Runner-up in the International Speech Contest at District 116 (Qatar)

Our club members, Kosala Ranatunga and Dinesh Gunasena, received the Pathways Mentor Program Award for the year 2022–2023 at the District 116 Annual Conference (DTAC) held on May 26th and 27th, 2023, at the Pullman Hotel, Doha West Bay

Year 2024 (Language English)

- Sarvathas Sarvananthan
- 1st Place in the International Speech Contest at the Area level
- 1st Place in the Humorous Speech Contest at the Area level
- Rajeepan Arumugam - 1st Runner-up in the Humorous Speech Contest at the Area level
- Nivarthana Dilharee - 2nd Runner-up in the Table Topics Speech Contest at the Area level
- Ahilan Sathiyakumar - 2nd Runner-up in the Evaluation Speech Contest at the Area level

Year 2024 (Language Tamil)

- Mathisuthan Paramsothinathan - 1st Runner-up in the International Speech Contest at the Division level

Pathway Completion

Completing a pathway in Toastmasters is a significant achievement, demonstrating a member's commitment to developing their communication and leadership skills. Currently, three (3) of our club members have reached this milestone in their Toastmasters journey.

- Muditha Gayan Ranasinghe
- Kosala Ranatunga
- Sarvathas Sarvananthan



Outstanding Member Award

This year, as part of the club's success plan, we have begun recognizing active members by awarding an 'Outstanding Member Award' quarterly. Below is the list of members who have received this award

- Mohamed Firos - Q1 of 2024
- Mohammeth Farhan, Hasitha M. Gunathilaka, Kasun Buddhika and Kajan Sivanesan - Q2 of 2024
- Mohamed Firos and Riyas M. Atham Lebbe - Q3 of 2024

Photography Contest 2024

Our club conducted a photography contest in 2024 for our club members and SLQS-Qatar members. We received a significant number of entries, and the winners were awarded during the SLQS-Qatar Bowling Tournament held on 20th September 2024 at the Qatar Bowling Center.

- 1st Place - Hasitha M. Gunathilaka
- 2nd Place - Sarujan Rajaratnam
- 3rd Place - Sajani Kaushalya Alahakoon



Unlock Your Potential with Toastmasters

Join us to build confidence, enhance your leadership skills, and connect with a supportive community. Whether you want to improve your public speaking or meet inspiring people, Toastmasters offers a welcoming space for growth. Don't miss this chance, come to our next meeting and take the first step toward becoming your best self. We look forward to seeing you there.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SLQS 2024



SLQS COMMITTEE

SLQS Qatar Committee Members for the term 2023/2024

Tharanga Prasad Godamuduna - President	Prashan Madushanka - Committee Member
Eranga Alwis - Vice President	Ahamed Mahir - Committee Member
Pradeep Pathmaperuma - General Secretary	Sean Fonseka - Committee Member
Ishara Weerapperuma - Assistant Secretary	Pasan Bandara - Committee Member
Fawzan Rafeek - Treasurer	Satheeswaran Sivanesan - Committee Member
Piruthiviraj Hariraj - Asst. Treasurer	Udaya Bandara - Committee Member
Indika Rupasena - Membership Coordinator	Hasitha Madusanka - Committee Member
Charith De Silva - Asst. Membership Coordinator	Heshan Manula - Committee Member
Ajith Priyanka - CPD Coordinator	Nishani Edirisinghe - Committee Member
Chandana Nuwan - Asst. CPD Coordinator	Nethma Shashini - Committee Member
Prabath Aravinda - Sport Secretary	

SLQS Qatar Committee Members for the term 2024/2025

SLQS Qatar is pleased to inform you that the incumbent Committee of SLQS Qatar 2024/2025 has been appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Friday, 08th March 2024 at the Waldorf Astoria Doha West Bay Hotel, Qatar

Pradeep Pathmaperuma - President	Akila Wijesooriya - Media Coordinator
Dushan Senarathna - Vice President	Dulitha Randula - Committee Member
Fawzan Rafeek - General Secretary	Pasan Bandara - Committee Member
Chandana Nuwan - Assistant Secretary	Sameera Thennakoon - Committee Member
Udaya Bandara - Treasurer	Sanjeewa Bandara - Committee Member
Prashan Madushanka - Assistant Treasurer	Nishani Edirisinghe - Committee Member
Ahamed Mahir - Membership Coordinator	Lakshan Padmakumara - Committee Member
Hasitha Madusanka - Asst. Membership Coordinator	Nethma Shashini - Committee Member
Chandika Dassanayaka - CPD Coordinator	Kapilan Thavarajah - Committee Member
Ahilan Sathiyakumar - Asst. CPD Coordinator	Anushka Marukona - Committee Member
Charith Mihiranga - Sport Secretary	Vishwa Adhikari - Committee Member



SLQS - QATAR COMMITTEE 2024/2025



Seated from Left
Nethma Shashini (Committee Member), Charith Mihiranga (Sport Secretary), Ahmed Mahir (Membership Coordinator), Dushan Senarathna (Vice President), Pradeep Pathmaperuma (President), Fawzan Rafeek (General Secretary), Chandana Nuwan (Assistant Secretary), Udaya Bandara (Treasurer), Nishani Edirisinghe (Committee Member)

Standing from Left
Hasitha Madusanka (Asst. Membership Coordinator), Dulitha Randula (Committee Member), Kapilan Thavarajah (Committee Member), Pasan Bandara (Committee Member), Sameera Thennakoon (Committee Member), Akila Wijesooriya (Media Coordinator), Anushka Marukona (Committee Member), Lakshan Padmakumara (Committee Member), Prashan Madushanka (Assistant Treasurer), Vishwa Adhikari (Committee Member), Ahilan Sathiyakumar (Asst. CPD Coordinator)



SLQS Qatar Sinhala & Tamil New Year Celebration 2023



Sri Lankan Quantity Surveyors - Qatar
Celebrating 20th Anniversary

SINHALA & TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2023

The Sinhala & Tamil New Year celebration was held on 31st March 2023 at the MIC football ground in Mesaieed, with the participation of over 300 members.





CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS



Jayasinghe Preethilal
MAIQS



D M Udaya Bandara
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Tharindra Jayathilaka
MRICS, MAIQS, CQS, A.I.Q.S.SL



Danushka Madushanka
LLM, MRICS, A.I.Q.S.SL



Buddika Lanka
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Manoth Hettiarachchi
MAIQS, CQS



Nishan Silva
MAIQS



Rochana Jayasooriya
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1	1	Sujeeva Wijewickreme	51	205	Omerdeen Fouz A.	101	356	Harsha Prasanga
2	2	Dammika De Zoysa	52	207	Raheem	102	359	Upul Shantha Ranaweera
3	3	Kapila Sugathadasa	53	210	Balasamy Yakaseelan	103	360	Ramsan I.M.
4	4	Paliitha Adikari	54	213	Thayaparan Shanmugam	104	361	Shameem Imithiyas M.A
5	7	Athula Wijekoon W.J.M.	55	218	Manzoor A.M.	105	366	Meegasmullage Rangika Prasanna
6	11	Sudath Lelwala	56	225	Subasinha SKSW	106	367	Liyana Don Ravindra Shantha Kumara
7	12	Keerthi Wijeratne	57	229	W A Suranga Rangajeewa Fernando	107	368	Janaka Pradeep
8	16	Jayani Herath (Mrs)	58	230	Rohitha Keragala	108	374	Gallage upul Chamara
9	19	Mohammed Rishad	59	235	Magoda Gamage Nimal Wasantha Kumara	109	378	Mohamed Junaid Mohamed Ifham
10	21	Saman Nanda Kumara Udagedara	60	246	Rohitha Kulathilaka ADB	110	381	Kalithu A.
11	26	Jeyakanthan Kathiravelu	61	250	Wenura Y Amarasekara	111	382	Mohamed Fahd Samath
12	32	Nirosha Himali Imaduwavithana (Mrs)	62	251	Kosala G Ranatunga	112	386	Dilan.V.K. Senevirathna T.B .
13	37	Ranjith D.N.	63	252	Mohomed Rafee	113	387	Niranjala.P.Somapala N.K.(Mrs)
14	42	Saman Wickramasundara	64	257	Asela Rajakaruna	114	388	Chamara Ranasinghe RHC
15	43	Nandani Wickramasundara (Mrs)	65	263	G L M Gamini Jayawardana	115	389	John G.K.
16	46	Asraf A.L.M.	66	278	Garumuni Bandula Bhagyapriya De Zoysa	116	390	Jayawardana K.J.A.D.S.
17	48	Sathiasuthan Sathiamoorthy	67	285	Prasadh Sanjeeva	117	393	Amarasinghe A.A.A.P.R.
18	50	Thilakarathne N.H.	68	290	Ilanko Perinpanayagam	118	396	Lillani Herath (Mrs)
19	53	Sanjaya Sameera Jayawardane	69	291	Barathyhasan T	119	397	Mohammad Hazeen
20	55	Samantha Nandika Kumara	70	296	Uchitha K Dawatawatta	120	400	Nanneththi Kasun Chamara
21	56	Pubudu Seneviratne	71	300	Nirojan Sahayarathnarajah	121	401	Indika Nuwan
22	57	Asoka Lelwala	72	301	L. B. Indula Siriwikum	122	402	Rajeev K.
23	65	Santhakumar P Sam	73	305	Rizny S.S.M	123	409	Mohammed Wasim Sajjath
24	67	W M Lalith Janaka Andrady	74	306	Anura Maliduwa Gamage	124	411	Harshana Vithanage
25	70	Upul Siriwardene	75	307	Mafaz Mafahir	125	412	Abdul Rasheed Mohamed Mushthak
26	75	Ahamed Lebbe Mohamed Nazar	76	312	Nimali Perera Mrs.	126	424	Lafeer A.L.M
27	81	Pathirana P.S.	77	314	Charith wikra	127	425	Kalu Bandarage Dinesh Gunasena
28	90	Karthikesu Yasodaran	78	317	M. Dineth P. Perera	128	433	C H Kumar Manoj Lanka Leelarathna
29	104	Quathir A.L.A.	79	322	Chamith Wickramasinghe	129	435	Mohammed N.I.
30	112	K.M.S.J Nishantha Peiris	80	323	Ajith Fernando	130	436	Simak M.S.M.
31	128	Anura Priyantha Wanasinghe	81	325	Wickrama Rathna Deegalle	131	438	Savinda Disanayake K.D.M.
32	129	Roshan Ganesharatnam	82	327	Sujan Fernando	132	439	K N Sandya Kumari Pathirana (Mrs)
33	131	Jeyabalasingam Kiritharan	83	328	Jagath Chaminda Hettiarachchi	133	440	Napawala W.M.
34	135	Rajeev Wimalanathan	84	329	Mohamed Amjath Abdul Cader	134	441	Mohammed Nirfan
35	139	Susantha Ganehearachchi	85	330	E.M.D.S Dissanayaka(Mrs)	135	443	R P Senanayake
36	142	Dambulukanda Hewage Chaminda Janak	86	333	Roshan Jayamal	136	446	Sudath Fonseka
37	146	Rexy Christin	87	334	Sajith.Ranaweera	137	447	Sujivan S.
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Year	Champions	Runners-Up	Year	Champions	Runners-Up
2004	Prelims	SMM11	2014	Prelims	EOT
2005	Prelims	Bad Boys	2015	JV	Taprobane
2006	SMM11	Prelims	2016	DOD	JV
2007	Variation	Bid Bond	2017	EOT	Taprobane
2008	Prelims	Bid Bond	2018	Benzene	EOT
2009	Variations	Prelims	2019	Bid Bond	We11
2010	Variations	Thaprobane	2020	Prelims	We11
2011	United QS	Variations	2022	Bid Bond	We11
2012	Prelims	Variations	2023	QS Warriors	We11
2013	Thaprobane	Variation	2024	We11	Prelims
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