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# TESTING THE VIABILITY OF A MASTERS PROGRAMME IN QUANTITY SURVEYING USING MARKET RESEARCH

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### 5.0 INTRODUCTION

The quantity surveying body of knowledge in general is beset with the lowest levels of both development of newer knowledge and in research and development. This is because quantity surveying is seen by many to be a profession that emphasizes the application of vocational knowledge and skills in construction economics, the focus being to achieve economies in the procurement of new construction and in repair and maintenance works.

Traditionally, institutions of higher learning that offer quantity surveying programmes at certificate, diploma and/or bachelor degree levels are more concerned with getting accreditation and maintaining the same for their programmes by professional quantity surveying bodies<sup>52</sup>. This is because

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<sup>52</sup> In Malaysia the professional bodies concerned are the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia and the Institutions of Surveyors Malaysia.

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## PAPER 2

# EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN CONSTRUCTION IN THE MUSLIM WORLD (WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO QUANTITY SURVEYING)

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## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

Construction is significant to all economies. However, it could be argued that construction is more important to a developing economy than to a developed economy. This argument is based on the facts that construction establishes the basic infrastructure that the developing economy urgently requires in order to promote and sustain socio-economic growth and development; and construction is a major employer in the economy (Wells, 1985; Khairuddin, 1998; 2002; Khairuddin et. al. 2004). Conceptually, the significance of construction to an economy is illustrated in figure 2.1