MALAYSIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON CONSTRUCTION OUTPUT AND EMPLOYMENT

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ABSTRACT

Malaysia’s rapid economic development provides a framework for the growth and development of the construction industry. Regardless of the rate of economic growth and the level of construction demand, the construction industry can only attain its output according to the availability of the resources it required for its operation. One of the main resources in construction industry is its workforce. The most significant issue relating to the Malaysian construction workforce is inadequate supply and shortages which occur in all categories of the construction workforce. The Malaysian construction industry has grown and construction activities have progressed in line with the country’s economic development. Therefore, development of the construction industry will strongly impact the construction workforce. The first part of this paper discusses the impact of economic development on the growth and changes in construction output. The second part of the paper illustrates the correlation between construction output and construction workforce. This study is built mainly on the archival research method. The approach for analysis is extensively based on the descriptive data analysis supported by simple establishment of mathematical relationship. The study indicates that Malaysia’s economic development and its future prospects have implications for the growth of the construction industry. The rapid expansion of construction output has placed a significant repercussion on the growth of construction workforce.

KEYWORDS

Malaysia economic development, construction output, construction workforce.

INTRODUCTION

Malaysia’s rapid economic development provides a framework for the growth and development of the construction industry. Regardless of the rate of economic growth and the level of construction demand, the construction industry can only attain its output according to the availability and capability of the resources it requires for its operation which includes human resource, materials, plant and equipment,