



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS (PAQS)  
AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS (FIG)**

**1. Parties**

This document constitutes an agreement between the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) and the International Federation of Surveyors (*Fédération Internationale des Géomètres, FIG*).

**2. Background**

PAQS and FIG each recognizes that the other is an international organization with many complementary activities serving similar professional constituencies.

The Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) is an international association of national organizations representing Quantity Surveyors in the Asia and Western Pacific region with the mission to promote the practice of the quantity surveying profession, the dialogue between member associations as well as best practices in its region. PAQS also aimed to enhance regional co-operation, foster research and mutual assistance towards better understanding and recognition for the profession.

The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) is an United Nations recognized international non-governmental organization, representing more than 120 countries throughout the world whose purpose is to support international collaboration for the progress of surveying in all fields and applications as well as to ensure that the disciplines of surveying and all who practise them meet the needs of the markets and communities that they serve. The Federation, founded in 1878 in Paris, strives to enhance the global standing of the surveying profession.

**3. Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide a framework for a continuing engagement between the two organizations. This will be achieved by maintaining and increasing the opportunities of scientific, technical and professional as well as academic and educational exchange between their members, through a continuing programme of cooperation leading to mutual sharing of knowledge and expertise to the mutual advantage of both organizations.

**4. Programme of Activities**

In accordance with the background and purpose described above, both organizations agree to endeavour to intensify their co-operation for mutual advantage and in service of the profession and the populace. The following steps will be taken:

- Regular contact is to be established between the two organizations in order to institute and maintain rapport and continuing engagement to address matters of common interest;
- Each organization should inform the other of all Commissions, Working groups, etc. that it has established and invite representation from the other where it is agreed that it would be appropriate;

- Each organization should inform the other of its programme of proposed seminars, workshops, etc. to enable joint participation should it be of mutual benefit and inform its members of these events as appropriate;
- Each organization should invite a representative from the other organization to attend respective Congresses/Conferences and offer complimentary registration;
- Both organizations confirm their commitment in the work to advance the science and knowledge towards sustainable cost management, construction and developments, promotion of green buildings and structures, sustainable and liveable cities; and
- Both organizations should identify opportunities to organize specialized seminars or workshops under joint sponsorship.

## **5. Financial Commitment**

It is understood that neither organization can commit the other to any expenditure, save that from administering this agreement, without the specific written agreement of both organizations.

## **6. Legal Status**

This Memorandum does not create a legal link between the two organizations that will maintain their mutual independence.

Each organization has the right to amendments to this Memorandum at any time. Any changes proposed by one party in writing to the other party shall be subject to the agreement of both organizations.

This Memorandum of Understanding is valid until PAQS or FIG proposes to annul it at any time for any reason by one party writing to the other party, signifying its intention to withdraw from the terms of the Memorandum.

*for and on behalf of*  
Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors

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International Federation of Surveyors

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*President*

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