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ABSTRACT

Building Construction is one of the main economic activities where planning, designing, construction, funding and maintenance are included in completing a building project. Building controlling systems (BCs) have been identified as a necessary engine of global economic progress. Therefore, need arose to establish an important guideline for ensuring safe, innovative, energy and cost-effective building construction. Many countries utilize building codes to meet key requirements for health, safety, well-being, of people and the built environment. After facing many disasters Sri Lankans have understood the absence of a national building code. This study identifies six objectives after identifying the problem to examine the adaptability of a new National Building Code to the Building Sector in Sri Lanka. Lack of building code and awareness is noticeable as a gap in Sri Lanka and need for a National Building Code for building sector was significant. To address this gap as a problem, the researcher conducted qualitative research including semi-structured interviews to collect data and three main construction professions were identified, namely Chartered Architects, Chartered Engineers and Chartered Quantity Surveyors. Primary data collection method and a literature review as secondary data collection method. The respondents were identified by using the snowball sampling technique since the population is not précised and sample is limited to 12 participants in saturation. The data collected was analyzed by using manual content analysis. Research findings revealed the answers for the six research questions derived from the research objectives. The findings of the study reveals that, the Sri Lankan government will have to take major action in making awareness of the opportunities and challenges in future, to adopt a National Building Code to protect public health, safety, and well-being while lowering disaster risk and working towards a sustainable built environment. At the conclusion findings were presented as what is a building code ? Impact created by a building code, functions, opportunities created, challenges faced and recommendations to overcome those challenges were presented accomplishing the objectives.

Keywords: *Building Code, Construction Industry, Chartered Architects, Engineers, Quantity Surveyors, Impact, Public Health, Safety, Well-Being*

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Abbreviation	Description
ABCB	Australian Building Codes Board
AMUBC	Australian Model Uniform Building Code
ASHRAE	The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers
BC	Building Control
BCEGS	Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule
BOCA	Building Office and Code Administration
CABO	Council of American Building Officials
CIB	International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction.
CIDA	Construction Industry Development Authority
EC	European Commission
ECE	
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
IAPMO	International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials
IBC	International Building Code
IBHS	Institute for Building & Home Safety
ICBO	International Conference of Building Officials
ICC	International Code council
IEBC	International Existing Building Code
IECC	International Energy Conservation Code
IESL	Institute of Engineers Sri Lanka
IRCC	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
ISCUBR	Interstate Standing Committee on Uniform Building Regulation
ISO	Insurance Services Organization
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITPSL	Institute of Town Planners Sri Lanka
MBIE	Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment
NBRO	National Building Research Organization
NCC	National Construction Code
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
SBCCI	Southern Building Code Congress International
SLGS	Sri Lanka Geotechnical Society
SLIA	Sri Lanka Institute of Architects
SSESL	Society of Structural Engineers Sri Lanka
UDA	Urban Development Authority
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

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