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EDITORIAL

The first paper entitled “A Model for Evaluating Specifications Quality of Projects of Consulting Services” by Hossam Toma Mohamed Alharthi covers about the specifications of the Projects of Consulting Services for various projects. They have highlighted the quality specifications which is the first initiative for building a notable partnership between the owner and the contractor of the project to manage a successful project. They have differentiated the specification of the Projects of Consulting Services (PCSs) from specifications of engineering projects due to the difference in the characteristics between the consulting projects and engineering projects. They have developed a model for evaluating the quality of the specifications of the PCSs from the consultant point of view.

The second paper entitled “Dispute Review Board: Concept and introduction to developing countries” by Ming-Lee Chong and Heap-Yih Chong elaborates the dispute review board in Malaysia. They have investigated on the viability of DRB implementation in Malaysian construction industry. They have reported the interviews of three reputed experts, who targeted initially as to their expertise and significant involvements or experiences in dispute resolution. They have also forecasted the trend of DRB practice and created an important insight in dispute resolution for developing countries like Malaysia.

The third paper entitled “Implementation of Fuzzy Logic Controller in Green House Automation” by S. B. Patil and D. S. Digambar highlighted about the Green house climate control. They have mentioned about the drawbacks of traditional method such as energy, labor, and productivity and suggested the fuzzy logic method for maintaining a steady state climate.

The fourth paper entitled “Implementation of SAP at Indian Oil” by Debashreet Das has elaborated the implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning solution at Indian Oil executed through SAP. He has also critically analyzed the pros and cons of the implementation of the ERP projects in Indian Oil.

In the fifth paper entitled “Financing and Risk Management Techniques in Green Field Projects under Public, Private Partnership (PPP) Model: A Case Study of Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGAI) Ltd, Hyderabad” Sarbesh Mishra et. al. have highlighted about the PPP projects in Indian Infrastructure Industry. They have explained about various bottle necks in the PPP mode of operation and suggested methods to counteract these problems associated with various PPP Models.

The next paper “A Framework for Risk Management in Globally Distributed Agile Software Development” by Suprika V. Shrivastava and Hema Date elaborates various challenges like communication problems, time-zone differences and cultural differences by the Global Software companies and suggests agile principles to increase production rate by making processes more responsive to change. They have identified some of the most relevant risk and suggesting risk

mitigation strategies in the form of a framework for risk management for globally distributed agile development.

In the seventh paper entitled “Measurement of Service Quality using SERVQUAL model in a Mining Environment” A.K. Garg, et al. have reported the reformed service quality model developed by Parasuraman to measure the service quality level and the gaps between perceptions and expectations of a motor company located in a mining environment (Francistown). They have used various data collected by survey questionnaires to examine gaps between perceptions and expectations of the respondents. Their findings showed that the service quality level of vehicle repair service department (VRSD) did not fully meet the expectations of the customers of VRSD and gaps were observed various dimensions.

The eighth paper entitled “Online Newspaper Distribution System” by Vijayalaxmi Kadroli et.al. elaborated the technology driven newspaper distribution system. They have suggested one online newspaper distribution system, which is based on technology similar to that of online shopping system.

The next authors Manisha Kumari and G. Sahoo titled their paper as “Changing the Face of Education System for Organic IT” have discussed about the importance of education in an individual’s life. In this paper a new approach for the education system and the technology to be used is suggested by the authors.

The 10th paper entitled “Academic Freedom (AF) and Teaching and Learning (TL) in Universities in Nigeria” by Dr. Margaret Akpomi et al threw light on the academic independence of the teachers. The authors studied on the impact of the academic independence and concluded that the academic independence should be encouraged along with strict professional ethics.

The last paper on “Effective Teaching-Learning using Web Tools” by Dattatraya Sakharam Adane have listed out a set of existing tools and methods to impart quality education and research. Also the author has provided various links and suggestions to use the tools in the concluding part.

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