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Is BIM on the Region's Higher Education Road Map?

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BIM in Higher Education

UK	UAE
MSc Programmes in 14 universities	No programmes
Individual BIM Courses	Some courses available
BIM Initiatives	BIM awareness events
Professional Institutions leadership	Industry support

Construction Industry Performance/Problems

- Lack of satisfaction
- Low profitability
- Lack of performance
- ‘Cowboy’ builders
- Industry dominated by the old craft culture
- Fragmented and adversarial
- Lack of innovation and development
- Lack of construction strategy: Is the industry ready for BIM

Why BIM?

- A new technology? A piece of software?
- A design Process, A construction process, An FM process
- An entire lifecycle process: n-D modelling
- A process that provides a collaborative framework amongst all project parties
- An integration process
- A method of sharing data

“A shared knowledge resource for information about a facility forming a reliable basis for decisions during its life circles’

“ A digital representation of physical and functional characteristics of a facility”

(<http://www.revitmodelingindia.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/2.png>)

- A change of the mindset or just A MANDATE
- ***Potentially the future of the construction industry!!!***

BIM:

i got it! data exchange and collaboration are actually the same thing...



X is the same as Y

CAD = BIM

BIM = REVIT



BIMwash Level 4, ILLUSION, © ChangeAgents AEC, 2011

The Mandate

□ 2013 Circular 176: Dubai's mandate/dictate BIM for architectural and MEP works for

- Buildings 40 stories or higher
- Facilities/buildings that are 300,000 sqft or larger
- Hospitals, universities and other similarly specialized buildings
- All buildings that are being delivered by/through an international party

□ 2015 Circular 265: Dubai's mandate/dictate BIM for architectural and MEP works for

- Buildings 20 stories or higher
- Facilities/buildings that are 200,000 sqft or larger
- Hospitals, universities and other similarly specialized buildings
- All buildings that are being delivered by/through an international party
- All governmental buildings



Why BIM: Mandate

- ❑ Two UK academics, Prof Nashwan Dawood and Dr Mohamad Kassem from Teesside University, have been awarded a grant of **\$940,000** to carry out a research on *“a whole life cycle information flow approach enabled by BIM protocols and technologies”* for Qatar’s construction industry.

"This Government's four year strategy for BIM implementation will change the dynamics and behaviours of the construction supply chain, unlocking new, more efficient and collaborative ways of working. This whole sector adoption of BIM will put us at the vanguard of a new digital construction era and position the UK to become the world leaders in BIM."

Francis Maude
Minister for the Cabinet Office



BIM: Challenges and Barriers

Eastman (2008) and Arayici (2009) and Nawar (2014)

The need of industry culture change

Changing the mindset of the construction professionals and overcoming their resistance to change

BIM: Challenges and Barriers

Educating and training the industry and its people to understand BIM potential

Awareness

BIM: Challenges and Barriers

Lack of training and education programmes to understand BIM, or finding employees who have experience working with BIM

Lack of BIM educational and consultancy institutes and lack of specialists

BIM: Challenges and Barriers

Lack of understanding the economic and financial impacts in terms of investment required for implementation of BIM

BIM: Challenges and Barriers

Realising that it is a new technology it is important that existing workflows be adapted for BIM, which will in turn allow mapping with existing process such as lean, green building etc.

BIM: Challenges and Barriers

BIM works efficiently on a collaboration platform, it is therefore important that interoperability be built and developed between the designers, engineers and building services engineers and other moving parts within the project and industry

**Information sharing
Treating BIM as mandatory requirement**

Conclusion

- **Need for industry strategy to drive performance improvement using BIM**
- **Higher Education must work hand in hand with the industry to develop needed skills for the BIM to allow this to be the future of the industry.**
- **Researchers and practitioners should work together to overcome the present challenges faced by the industry in relation to BIM implementation.**



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Notable Studies

1944	The Simon Report	The Placing and management of contracts
1950	The Philips Report	The ministry of works party report on building
1962	The Emmerson Report	Survey of problems before the construction industry
1964	The Banwell Report	The placing and management of contracts for building and civil engineering work
1965	Tavistock Institute	Communications in the B uilding Industry
1966	Tavistock Institute	Interdependence and uncertainty
1975	The Wood Report	The public client and the Construction Industry
1983	NEDO	Faster building for industry
1988	NEDO	Faster building for commerce
1994	The Latham Report	Constructing the Team
1995	Office of Science and Technology	Technology Foresight- Process through Partnership
1995	The Levene Report	Construction Procurement by Government
1998	The Egan Report	Rethinking Construction
1999	Office Government Commerce	Achieving Excellence
2001	National Audit Office	Modernising Construction
2002	The Strategic Forum for Construction	Rethinking Construction- Accelerating Change
2003	Office Government Commerce	Building on Success- Achieving Excellence
2011	Cabinet Office	Government Construction Strategy