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Posted by Tony Flynn on 26th April 2011 at 03:01 PM University of Salford offers new course in Sri Lanka

The University of Salford will double the number of quantity surveyors trained in Sri Lanka every year when it becomes the first foreign university to offer a full degree programme in the country from September.

Currently only one public sector university in the country runs a quantity surveying degree programme. However, there is a huge demand for construction professionals including quantity surveyors as the country rebuilds from the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004 and a decades-long civil war.

The Salford course will be taught by local experts at the Colombo School of Construction Technology and closely supervised by Salford academics. It will last for four years which will include a work placement year.

The degree will enable local people from less well off backgrounds to gain qualifications since it is priced at the local rate rather than the alternatives in Europe and Australia.

Salford brings its expertise as the UK's leading research centre for built environment disciplines and has strong links with Sri Lanka through its UN-endorsed Centre for Disaster Resilience, which worked closely with the government in the years following the tsunami.



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Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga from the School of the Built Environment said: "This is a world first for Sri Lanka and part of Salford's ongoing long term relationship with the country. It also means that more Sri Lankans can study their chosen subject in their home country and in their own language which may be more suitable for them."

School of the Built Environment: http://www.sobe.salford.ac.uk/

Colombo School of Construction Technology: http://www.csct.edu.lk/

Photo: Professor Dilanthi Amaratunga

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