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# ANALYSING FACILITIES MANAGEMENT INDUSTRY MATURITY - A QUALITATIVE APPROACH

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# INTRODUCTION

- ☐ In this presentation we summarize processes used in analysing maturity of Facilities Management industries (FMi) in five countries namely:
  - ✓ Denmark,
  - √ Hong Kong,
  - ✓ Norway,
  - ✓ Tanzania and
  - ✓ The United Kingdom.
- ☐ The analysis is based on the 'Integrated Feeder Factors Framework (I3F)'

### INTEGRATED FEEDER FACTORS FRAMEWORK

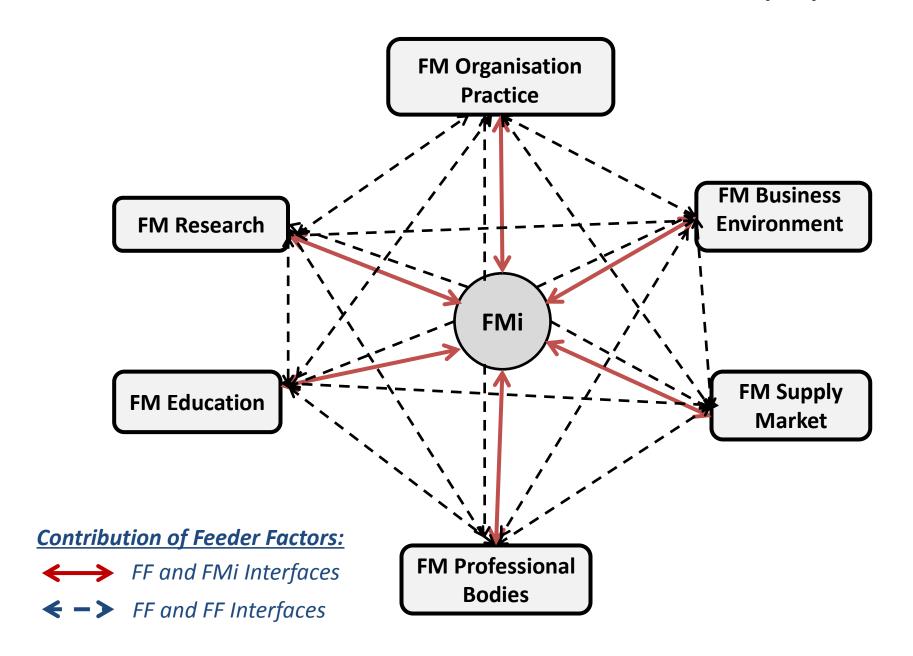
I3F is an integrative framework which is developed in response to lack of a tool for assessing FMi maturity at country level.

I3F analyses maturity by assessing the progression and integration of the key factors



- > FM Supply Market,
- > FM Education,
- >FM Professional Bodies,
- > FM Research and
- FM Business Environment.

#### **INTEGRATED FEEDER FACTORS FRAMEWORK (13F)**



#### **KEY COMPONENTS OF THE FRAMEWORK**

The proposed framework for assessing the level of maturity of FM at a macro-level has the following three benefits:

- It provides an opportunity to understand the capabilities and performance potential of the FM industry within an economy.
- 2. It can be used as a self-evaluation tool for a given country over a period of time
- 3. It serves as a benchmark for comparing the development of FM as an industry in different countries

#### **ASSESSING MATURITY IN THE CASE COUNTRIES**







Hong Kong (11)



Tanzania (11)



**DATA COLLECTION:** 

- Semi-structure-interview (local experts)
- Documentary evidence (internet, official documents, laws)

#### **DATA ANALYSIS:**

Pattern Matching (Comparative Approach)

# **DATA ANALYSIS**

The data analysis was intended to achieve two objectives:

- Establish the patterns which can discriminate the levels of maturity of the case study countries
- 2. Assess the compatibility of the framework in predicting the relationship between the progression and integration levels, as well as industry maturity stages.

### **DATA ANALYSIS**

Setting the Patterns- intra case analysis

The analysis of data involved a five-step process:

- Step 1: Transcription of Interviews: the recorded interviews were transcribed in a verbatim manner into text.
- Step 2: Observation of patterns: The second step involved the observation of the patterns on the information gathered from the interviewees as recorded in the transcriptions

#### **STEP 2: Observation of Patterns**

Assessed Criteria	Interviewee						Observed pattern		
	HK 01	HK 02	HK 03	HK 04	HK 05	HK 06	HK 07	HK 08	
Positioning	There are a few facilities managers who are sitting on boards of directors  Depending on the nature of the services some FM can provide services beyond HK  Many facilities managers are involved in technical matters and property Management and a few are on the strategic levels	There are a few people at the strategic level many are still in operational levels  But the number of people at strategic level is increasing as the importance of FM is becoming known	Many facilities managers are found in the middle to higher position  Most of the facilities managers are under COO, director of finance. I am not sure if they sit on the board	Some of the facilities managers are operational and others are strategic  Some are involved in single station and others several  There are a few facilities managers who are sitting on the board of directors	FM is getting into a strategic level than in the past  There are people in Directors and VP levels  This is the second tier management level not the first tier	In most cases are found in the middle of the senior managem ent.  It depends on the nature of the business and value of the assets	Some facilities managers are placed in the higher levels  Some are technical and few are strategic	Facilities managers are placed below COO and there a few who are sitting on the board  That would have been ideal but is not happening in most of the organisations  Some are responsible for FM in other countries	Mainly facilities managers are found in the operational and tactical level (second tier management level). A few are in strategic level.  There are few facilities managers sitting on the board of directors. FM department mainly provide services to one or more stations in Hong Kong.  There are a few cases of facilities managers to provide services beyond HK.

# **DATA ANALYSIS**

Step 3: Matching of Predicted to Observed Patterns: In the third step, the observed patterns were matched against the predicted patterns of the FM industry progressions discussed and summarised in the Feeder Factors Progression Matrices.

#### STEP 3: Matching of the predicted to observed patterns

Criteria	Level	Predicted Pattern	Matching Level	Observed Pattern
Positioning	IV	Facilities Directors/Managers at Board Level or mainly holding strategic positions with site, national and International roles		Mainly facilities managers are found in the operational and tactical level (second tier management level).
	III	Facilities Managers mainly with tactical positions with some at strategic and operational levels reporting directly to Board Members with a regional/national and international roles		A few are in strategic level. There are few facilities managers sitting on the board of directors. FM department mainly provide services to one or more stations in
	11	Facilities Managers mainly at operational and tactical levels with a few at strategic positions — (site/region/national roles)		Hong Kong. There are a few cases of facilities managers to provide services beyond HK.
	I	Technical/Administrative staffs (building to building/site)		

# Step 4: Assessment of Dominant Progression/ Integration Level:

- In this step, each of the level of progression assessed (from the matching of the observed and predicted patterns) in step 3 was recorded in a table to determine a 'dominant progression level'.
- The same process was performed to establish dominant integration level.
- ➤ Dominant level is a level of progression/integration at which more criteria of various feeder factors within a country are found (based on the evolutionary Levels I-IV)

# STEP 4: Assessment of dominant progression/integration

#### DOMINANT PROGRESSION LEVEL

Feeder Factor	Criteria	Dominant Progression Level			
		I	II	III	IV
FM Organisation	Positioning		✓		
Progress	Range of Services			✓	
	Mode of Services Procurement			<b>√</b>	
	Contract Management Approaches		✓		
	In-house Competence			✓	
	Role of FM Organisation			✓	
FM Business	Political Environment		✓		
Environment	Economic Environment				✓
	Social Environment			✓	
	Technological Environment		✓		
FM Supply Market	Suppliers' Customers Base			✓	
	Procurement Options		✓		
	FM Market Information			✓	
FM Professional	The Nature of Representation			✓	
Bodies	Membership Attributes			✓	
	Professional Training			✓	
	Distribution of Branches			✓	
FM Education	Number of Courses			✓	
	Contents of the Courses			✓	
	Level of Courses				✓
FM Research	Existence of Research Centres			✓	
	Evidence of Publications		✓		
Frequency		0	6	14	2

#### DOMINANT INTEGRATION LEVEL

Criteria	Dominant Integration Level				
	I	II	III	IV	
Coordination		✓			
Interdependence		<b>√</b>			
Trust			<b>✓</b>		
Influence		✓			
Frequency	0	3	1	0	

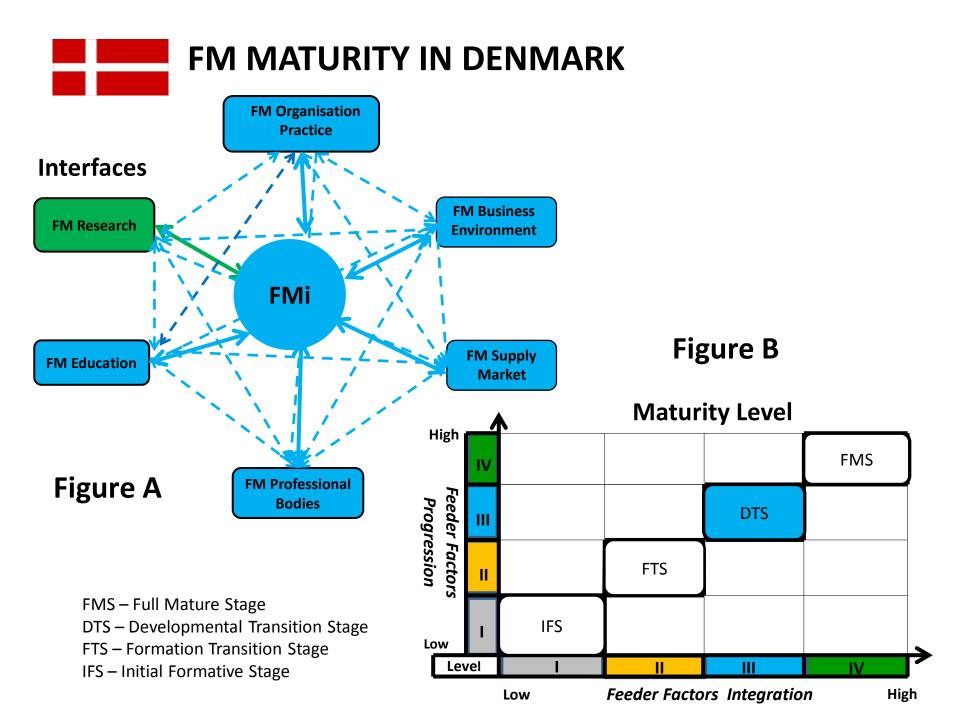
**Dominant Integration Level** 

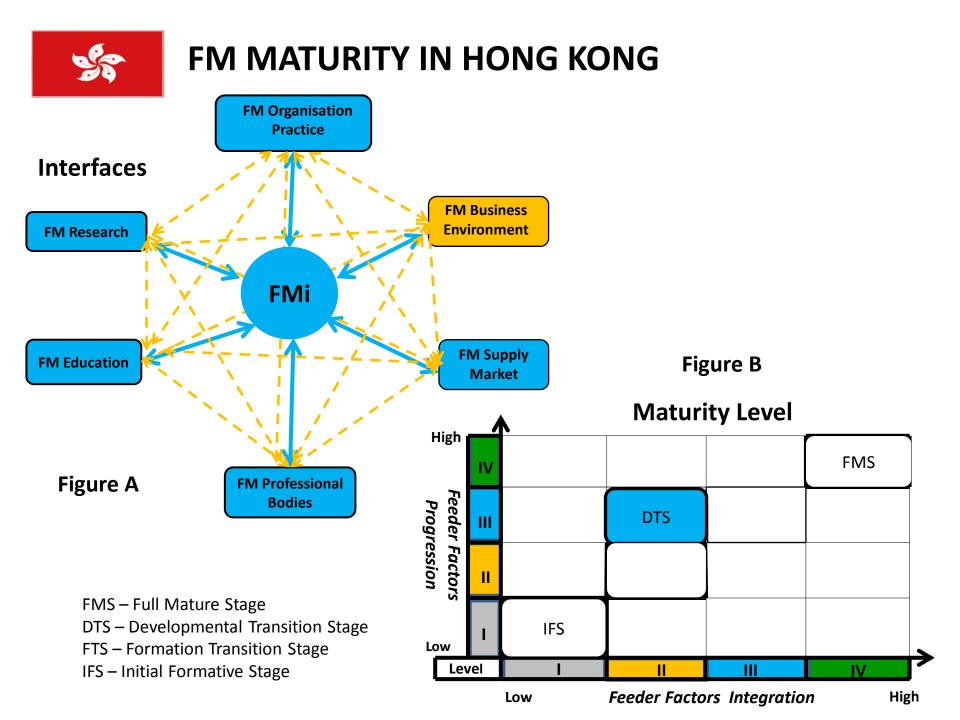


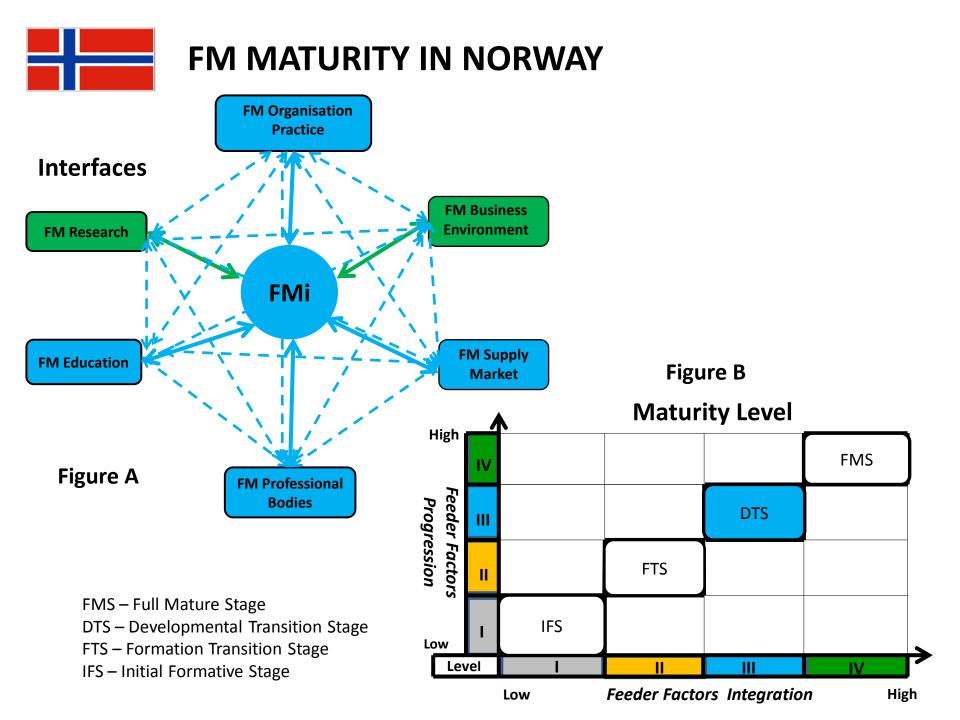


# Step 5: Assessment of FM Industry Maturity:

- The last step is to decide on the maturity level as indicated by the results in the last table. (Figure B).
- In deciding on the maturity level of the FM industry, the decision relies on the results of the assessed 'dominant progression levels' of the criteria influencing feeder factors progression and integration (Figure A).

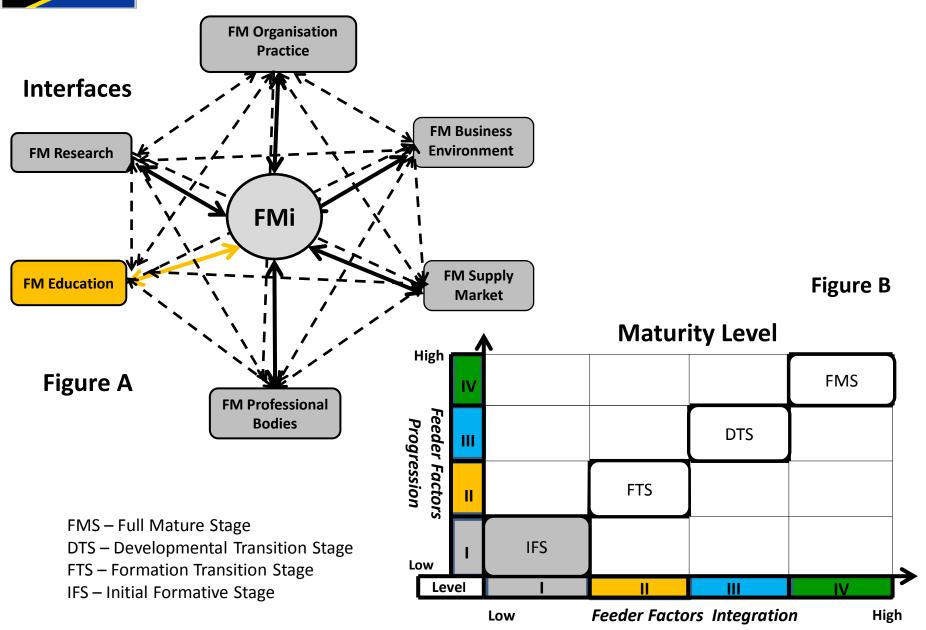






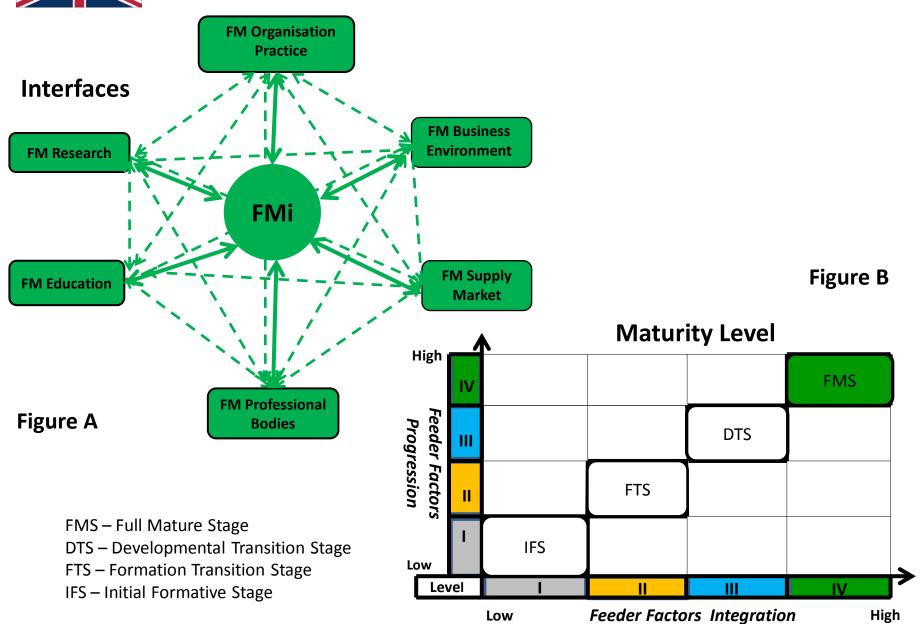


#### **FM MATURITY IN TANZANIA**





#### FM MATURITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM



# PRACTICAL IMPLICATION

This presentation assessed FM industry maturity using I3F

- ➤ I3F is a comprehensive tool which can be used to assess and understand the maturity stages of the FM industry within a specific country.
- The framework can help the stakeholders to understand the level of maturity and areas which require bolstering for achieving the optimal state of readiness and capabilities.
- ➤ It can also be used to lobby for recognition and assistance from other stakeholders within a country.