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**AND IT'S EVOLUTION PATTERN**

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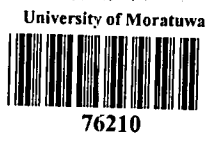
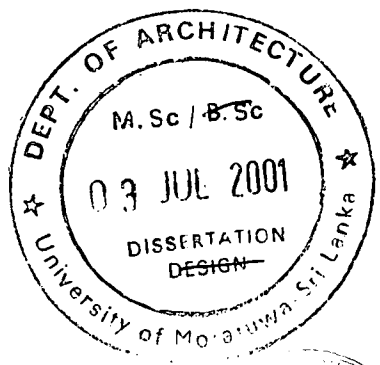


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## **TOPIC EXPLANATION**

City as a complex human settlement has different origins and evolution patterns. Each city has its own origin due to many reasons. They have come to their present city form after many changes to the original city form. But the reasons change from one place to another.

Shri Lankan cities also change from one to another due to their origin and their evolution pattern. Therefore to understand the problems of urban designing there must be a proper idea about the evolution of a particular city. Therefore for this study Negombo was selected due to few reasons. They are the importance of the Negombo City which has a long history. The other reasons are that it is important as a major city center in today's context, and the problems faced by the city due to various developments in and around the city.

### **Issue**



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A settlement to become a city has to fulfil some physical and social aspects. But today these aspects are not been fulfilled. The actual reasons behind these haphazard situations need to be studied. Then the urban designers and planners can avoid these mistakes in their future proposals for Negombo.

### **Justification**

Development of cities had become a prime need of today. Therefore it's important to study how society had respond to the cities designed at early stages and during the growth of cities. In this context these lessons from the past would be beneficial for future development proposals.

## **Methodology**

In order to comprehend the nature of cities it was necessary to selectively read and gather information in a literature survey. Therefore, the first chapter looks at the characteristics and components of cities. After studying the basic problems of the city form and its evolution, based on that literature survey was used to find similar cases around the world.

The second chapter looks at the origin of Negombo as a settlement and its evolution up to the present situation. In order to do this both a literature survey were carried out.

The data and information gathered in the previous chapters were analyzed in the third chapter to identify the causes of the problems that are faced by the city of Negombo and hence try to find solutions for them,

## **Scope and limitations**



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The study needed to study city forms and their evolution pattern. Therefore for a proper analysis the historical development has been studied. But this had to be limited to the old city limits.

## **Aims and objectives.**

Aim of this study is to find causes for haphazard places of cities and the way they affect the city. By analyzing them it is intended to form guide lines for future development of the city.