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SYNOPSIS

Colombo has been the Capital city of Sri Lanka since British rule. Today it has developed in all aspects such as economical, social, political and physical, etc. Owing to the physical growth of the city the availability of buildable lands has now reached the saturation point. As a result, a number of problems have arisen in the city and some of them have become critical.

Nevertheless, there are about 2500 acres of unused low-lying areas situated in and around the city. This study is focussed on a planned method of exploitation of those abandoned low-lying areas.



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The study has been undertaken in seven chapters. The first Chapter has discussed the process of development of the city of Colombo and it has highlighted some of the acute problems that emerged, causing the scarcity of lands. The final section of the chapter also points out the importance of utilisation of the low-lying areas in order to ease the acute problems.

Chapter two has made a detailed examination of availability of low-lying areas in and around the city of Colombo,

Chapter three is devoted to the investigation of the necessity of low-lying land reclamation and its technical possibility as well as the financial aspects of the same.

Having identified the viability of low-lying lands reclamation in and around the city, Chapter four has dealt with an empirical study of an area which is having a large extent of unused low-lying lands.



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The identification of potential low-lying areas and selecting urban activities for them were examined in chapter Five.

Chapter six has discussed the earlier recommendation concept of "Integrated Urban Development" and integration of urban activities. In the final section of this chapter, selection of a reclaimable potential land from the case study area and evaluation of the integrated urban development programme prepared for the same land are made.

Chapter seven of the study comprises conclusions and recommendations.