

Analytical Study about the Improvement of **Underutilized Urban Spaces** with special reference to Colombo Fort



Univercity of Moratuwa Master Programe in Urban Design 2012





UOM Verified Signature

M Janain Mjesunden

Content			Page No.	
Absti	ract		1	
Ackn	11			
Intro	111			
Chap	ter One	e		
1.0	Defini	ition Urban Space:	01	
1.2	Respo	onsive Urban Spaces.	01	
1.3	Benefits of Responsive Urban Spaces.			
1.4	Unres	ponsive Urban Spaces.	02	
Chap	ter Two	0		
21	Eleme	ents of Urban space	04	
	2.1.1	Character		
	2.1.2	Ownership	05	
	2.1.3	Authenticity	07	
	2.1.4	Accommodations	08	
	2.1.5	Nature	09	
	2.1.6	Social and Private space	11	
2.2	Types	13		
	2.2.1	Parks	13	
	2.2.2	Active Building frontage	13	
	2.2.3	Active Streets, including the pavement	13	
	2.2.4	Town squares	13	
Chap	ter Thr	·ee		
3.0	Impro	Improvements of urban space		
	3.1	Permeability improvement	15	
	3.2	Legibility improvement	15	
	3.3	Creating Pedestrian flows	16	
	3.4	Relating incompatible uses	16	

Chapter Four

4.1	-		
4.1	Intro	duction of Selected Study area	1
	4.1.1	Colombo city	1
	4.1.2	Colombo Fort	13
4.2	Diffe	erent eras through history	18
	4.2.1	Early Period	18
	4.2.2	Portuguese	18
	4.2.3	Dutch	19
	4.2.4	British	21
	4.2.5	Post independence	21
	4.2.6	Unrest situation (era with internal conflict)	22
4.3	Select	ed Case Study area for analysis	22
	4.3.1	Open area Adjoining the Dutch Hospital	22
	4.3.2	Street and building frontage along the Chatham street	32
	4.3.3	Hospital street	35
	4.3.4	Hospital street	37
Conclu	usion		38
References			
			39

ABSTRACT

Colombo – Fort has become one of the less used areas by the public today. This Dissertation is about the look of elements of responsive urban space, what are the solutions for improvement of underutilized urban space in Colombo Fort, how its works with the present situation.

The Dissertation looks at four selected locations within the Fort .The aim of this dissertation found the solution and how to maintained the Live urban space with the incorporation of the Development.

Acknowledgement

Let me record have my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one mentioned bellow for their help to make this dissertation.

Above all my greatest thanks are especially extended to Architect, senior lectures of faculty of architecture, members of Urban development authority, GIS unit.

It is wonderful to feel the concern of all the friends in encouragement.