CONSERVATION AND THE STRATEGIC INTEGRATION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE URBAN SPACE.

A CASE STUDY OF COLOMBO.

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ABSTRACT

City of Colombo as a post Colonial – living Port City, is at present facing the Contradiction of the Conservation of the Historic Urban Fabric- which provides the opportunities, Knowledge for the well being of the Humanity, yet, contradicts with the Trends and Impacts of the Current Development Inclinations, which the Market Behaves as a Protagonist, in the Context.

The Resulting formation of the City, Which, make a prompt for the contradiction in between the Conservation and the above development trends on the context, thus in a need to be Integrated, to Sustain the Survival, and make manipulate Each other.

While Looking for a mode of Integration, a deep study is to be done, with the transformation of the City of Colombo which caused the present face of Colombo. Thus, can be organized within several Periods of time Segments, in accordance with their similarity of the generators of Evolution.

Discussing in the Chapter one, the Pre-Colonial Colombo, Colombo under The Portuguese, Colombo under the Dutch and British is done to an in depth study.

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The Historic Urban Fabric encoring with a vision and a planned basis which has given the City of Colombo its Original face, containing with the Appropriate Human Scale Structures, yet in a need to be Properly integrated to the Prevalent Socio-Economical needs of the Context. These, gradually has being replacing by Unplanned built achievements, Pressurized by the higher economic-land value of the prevalent Colombo.

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Introduction

The Economic development with its rapid increase that has been occurring in the last two decades has been understood with the need for amalgamate the specific 'modus operandi' of the development with the concepts of introducing the beneficiaries to the society, in its ongoing process.

Thus, the negative impacts of the development occurred, in the ways of unqualified development while neglecting the carrying capacity of the environment which it has been taken place.

The economic activities which are taking place at present disregarding the cultural phenomenon of a particular society & the environment are in the greater need of integrating with the heritage-cultural norms for the well-being of the society.

In the case of the Sri Lankan context, specially in specific areas such as the City of Colombo, which are functioning as the Metropolitan-areas of the country, at the same time bearing their structures of fragile historical-cultural fabric signifying the strong identity, & knowledge of their inherent character of being a Post-colonial Port City, is in the danger of totally being undervalue, in such an accordance.

Therefore, in such a context, there is a greater need of analyzing the ways & modes of integrating the two concepts into each other, the conservation aspects of those-norms for the sake of the future generations, in to the current development activities of the present generation. Therefore, a systematic approach in an open ended approach is needed in order to
assure the continuity of the process due to the negative impacts of the Development Arena of the World.

1.1 THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROBLEM

The Asian Context over the rapid Development achieved, has being undertaking by the positive activities of Economics, especially through the last two Decades thus, followed by the rapid Urbanization, proceeds with complex Socio-political and Economic Issues such as the,

1) scarcity of the Land
2) The higher land values particularly in the City centers. In such a context,
3) the availability of the variety of choices for a particular land,
4) has being encouraging, the economically most appropriate choice to be taken over for the land, rejecting the Obsolescence one.

In the view of that, The Market has being the Greater protagonist of the changing world, and the politics, and the Economies are conditioning and stimulating the Culture and its norms, the materiality, yet non-materially than ever before.

The active construction process taken over such lands Particularly, in the Urban centers happens with the Verticality in concept, than Horizontally in this approach.
Yet, the Spaces, every urban space has its own identity, which symbolically representing the humanity & its knowledge, related with its cultural norms. The inheritance and existence of that particular place is stating the image / symbolic aspect or, the imagability of that specific place.

Therefore, it is important to find ways of utilizing the knowledge and the identity behind these structures that would provide guidance for the development process.

Therefore, it's important to find the ways to 'accommodate' these historical or cultural norms, under specific guidance such as the International Historic Charters with the development agendas which overpowers the dangers of being in the obsolescence against the economical trends of the century.

Further it is important to allocate the concepts of achieving the modes of an integrated implementation in the development of the environment in these areas, while finding the ways of integrating both the social and cultural modes with the economic phenomenon for the area, and adopting the cultural-historic fabric for making opportunities, not as hindrances for social and economic development in these sensitive heritage areas.
1-3 OBJECTIVES

1) Identify the Modes of Integration of the Conservation aspects and the Development aspect for the Area.
2) Implement the 'Open-ended' character of the planning agendas in finding solutions to integrate the Economic-development with the conservation of Historical Cultural Landscape of Sustainable Development.

1.4 RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

1) What is the Present situation of Historic Landscapes?
2) What is the conservation aspect of the Urban Space?
2) What are the current Development Activities carried out in the Sample Area?
3) What are the effects on the Historical Landscapes due to the Economic-development Activities?
4) What are the Alternative Development techniques of integrating the conservation aspects to development process?

1-5 OPERATIONAL DEFINITIONS:

1- The Architectural Conservation

The Architectural Conservation of the historical site, or a Monument is considered as a highly specialized work, that should be done with a considerable amount of care and skill in the process.
In the process a specific procedure is recommended to be followed in the procedure. This is followed by a series of steps as mention below, that is to be taken place in the procedure.

2- **The Development:**

The Definition Development has been understood throughout the world in the sense of uplifting the Socio-Goals of the Globe. Thus, the term Development is defined as with a closer meaning of achieving the Economic Growth ‘goals of the country. The term ‘Development’ is entitled with a broader meaning rather than applications of achieving the Economic growth implications such as the gross National product (GNP): It is enacted with the achievements of the quality of Life.

The Development Goals of the Recent past is more or less has being basically focused on the an Economic Phenomenon, Michael P. Todaro in his Economics of Developing World defines the 1977, Defines the Traditional terms of the Economic Development as

"....the capacity of a national Economy, Whose initial economic condition has being more or less static for a long time, to generate and sustain an annual increase in its gross at products at rates of perhaps 5 to 7 per cent or more......"

Thus it again states the goals for the Development for example in the 1960 and 1970, states largely in terms of the Attaining of a six present annual target Growth rate of GNP. Therefore, the Development Strategies were essentially focused on the rapid Urban Industrialization, only small amounts of the Resources were being subjected to the uplifting of the Agriculture of the Rural Sector.

Even though, large number of the nations, including the Third world countries were achieved these Overall Growth Goals of the Economic achievements, such acquirements has not done enough contributed to do any significant change in the Living conditions of the masses of people of the World. The situation has influenced a need for the world to look at the Subject of Development in a different point of view.
The Development, therefore has being focused towards some multidimensional Achievements. It was focused towards a need for finding men's of elevating the sustained elevation of the social system as a whole. Thus achieving towards the ultimate means for reduction of the Poverty, inequality and unemployment within the context of the Growing economy.

Therefore, in the Last Decades of the Twentieth Century the Development achievements were more focused towards the achieving the inner means of Development, Such as,

1) life Sustains
2) Protecting the Self -Esteem.
3) freedom.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Research method:

The Cluster Sampling is selected as the research method, while selecting three Sensitive Sample Areas in the Fort Are is Selected for the Study.

Therefore, in the finding modes of Integration of the Conservation and the Development Aspect and Trends of the area, there is a vital need for understanding of the evolution happened over the subjected Land area, the fort-Colombo, in order to Analyze the Area. This is basically done in order to identify,

1) Identify Distinct Periods of time Periods Which the Evolution is Occurred
2) Identify the key aspects of the Distinct Time-Ears, which gave any Specific Objective of Implementing the Planning of the Area.
3) Current Conservation Principals Allocating in to the Area.
4) Identify the major Elements which has been evolving, and Participating in its Evolved Form for making the basis of the City Formation.

   1- Identify the Key Elements of the City-Scape of Present Fort Area which has being exiting and evolving according to the Aspect of the Specific Periods of time.

   2- Identify sensitive Areas that can be subjected under the Conservation Aspects

5) Identify Potentials for Integrating the Prevalent Human Activities of the area, while integrating them in the Conservation Aspect as an on-going process of the Location.

2.2 USERS:

   The Public Enterprise

   The Civic Enterprise/The Government

   The Residential Groups

   Tourists

2.3 DATA COLLECTION METHOD:

   1) Documentary survey

   2) Photographic Survey

   3) Context Analysis

   4) Documentary Analysis

   5) Observation
2.5 LIMITATIONS

Colombo -Fort Area is Selected, among the other segments of Colombo.

2.6 IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY:

1) To the Decision Making Bodies of the Area.
2) Planners
3) Architects
3) Public Enterprise/The Civic Enterprise/The Government

In order to implement an integrated Approach of Development.
Thus, using them in such way that the conservation would compromise with the prevalent development trends, would therefore enhance the Long Lasting character of the Conservation Process, and the Well being of the Development—or enhance the self esteem of the city users.

Thus inter-dependent life style should not be interrupted during the conservation process. This should not be recognized as a self-contained exercise, while Urban conservation is a development process, that develops the urban environment as well as the users.

1) This rather Coinciding for, Both the Conservation, and the Development in the Environment are to be done— for the Well-being of the Humanity while, finding modes of implementing, in the study.