

A STRUCTURE PLAN FOR KANDY CITY WITH
SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE CENTRAL
BUSINESS DISTRICT

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SYNOPSIS

Urban Development in Sri Lanka is presently receiving priority under the Government Development Programme. Towards this end it has embarked upon massive programmes involving several projects that would have a major impact in the large Cities and Towns in the country. In this connection, the provincial capitals of Batticaloa and Kandy have received priority attention outside the Colombo Metropolitan region.

This study is concerned with the development of the Kandy Municipal Council area and its Central Business District. It is structured under 4 Parts and consists of eleven separate chapters.



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Part I of the study has discussed the existing setting in the Kandy Municipal Council area and its Central Business District. In this connection it has outlined the historical significance of this City and also discussed the existing pattern of development activity. The Organisational and Legislative aspects have also been described in this Part.

Part II of the study consists of an analysis of the dominant problems and prospects for development of the Kandy Municipal Council area. This Part consists of 3 Chapters in which these dominant problems have been identified and evaluated. The overall potential of the

various development components and also the critical evaluation of the Organisational and Legislative instruments have also been done in this Part.

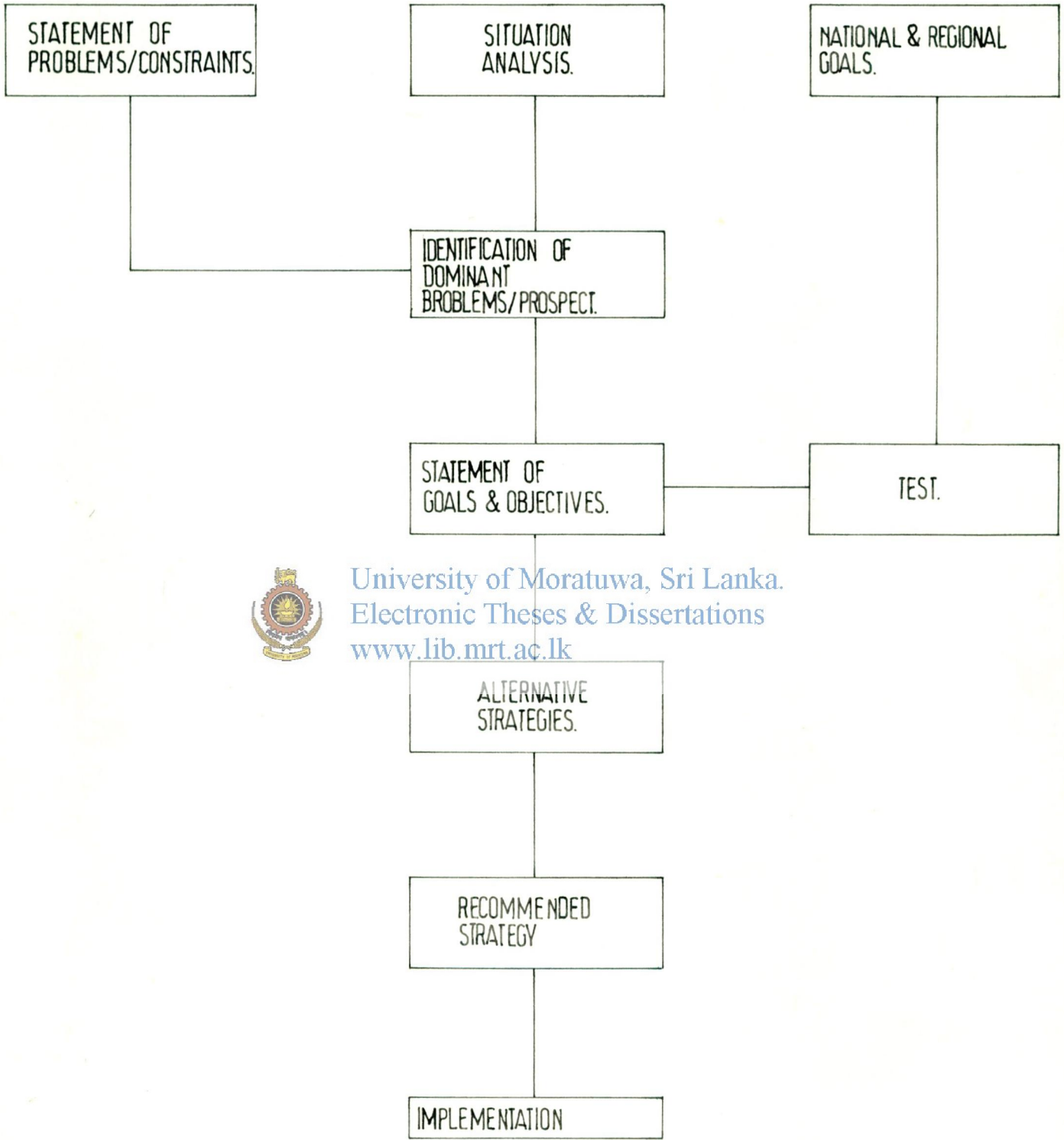
Part III comprises the strategies for development. In this connection the criteria for an appropriate strategy for the development of Kandy City and its Central Business District have been discussed. Broad proposals for the Central Business District have also been made in this Part.

Part IV of the study comprises its conclusions and recommendations.

A Bibliography of references is also included in this study.



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PREFACE

The Provincial Cities of Sri Lanka have always acted as excellent buffers to large scale migration of people in to the Capital City of Colombo and its suburbs. In this connection the historic city of Kandy has contributed to a large extent in maintaining a reasonable balance of urban-rural populations both in the national context as well as of the Hill Country.

Kandy offers a natural attraction to a City Planner, both, due to its Historical and Cultural importance and also because it offers tremendous potential to stimulate modern development in a large region around it.



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In view of the above, this Dissertation has attempted to provide a framework of significant value towards stimulating a more professional interest in the formulation of a Development Plan for Kandy. Its primary objective has been to demonstrate a Methodology which constitutes a theoretical approach in the study of a planning problem. In this connection it has gathered a substantial volume of information relevant to a Development Plan and has attempted to process and relate them in a coherent manner.

The Dissertation has proposed, through its Methodology, a Structure Plan for the Kandy Municipal Council area which shows a planning framework and has included such matters as the distribution of population, the activities

and the relationships between them, the patterns of land use together with the network of communications and the systems of utility services. In effect, it has discussed the Socio, Economic and Physical systems of Kandy City in so far as they are subject to planning influence. The Dissertation has also indicated a framework of action for the Central Business District of Kandy City.

It is relevant to make the observations that this Dissertation cannot be wholly comprehensive nor, totally professional. However, it is hoped that this work will contribute towards the fund of knowledge that is now being gathered by the relevant Central Government and Local Government Agencies who are engaged in planning for the development of Kandy City.



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