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#### Abstract

The primary intent of this research is to perception study on architectural design and facilities of public markets in Colombo Municipal Council area. Importance of this research is that, if one can develop public market buildings in an efficient manner, it will be a great convenience for customers, rate payers and whole country.

Problem statement of this research is that whether public markets are failed because they have more deficiency than potentials relating to architectural design and facilities of building. The objective of study is to compare the perception of customers and shop owners on constraints and potentials of building design and facilities in public markets.

Case study area is Colombo Municipal Council area. Colombo Municipal Council has population more than quarter of the population enumerated in Colombo District. Colombo Municipal Council area had 0.4% of average annual growth rate of population for a last two decades. Colombo Municipal Council area is the most densely populated area in the island with 17200 persons per square kilometer.

Three markets namely Borella, Kosgashandiya and Thotalaga out of fifteen public markets of Colombo Municipal Council were selected as sample using stratified sampling method and used random sampling method for selection of respondent for questioner.

Mean value comparison and spearmen's correlation were done to analyze the perceptions of the shop owners and customers on building design and facilities of selected public market. Frequency table and Chi squire test were used to identify constraints and potential according to customers and shop owners.

Author assessed relationship of the willingness of visit to the market and availability of architectural and facilities component by using Spearman correlation and derive that relationship exist between most of architectural and facilities components attached to the building and people willingness of visited to market.

Component of architectural design and facilities are become constraints and potential of the building. That does depend on the availability of such component attach to the building. If such component available in building, it will become potential. From the analysis author identify that component of architectural design and facilities provided to majority of market concern. However Kosgashandiya market shows potential than constraints and overall analysis shows all markets have constraints over potentials.

Hence Kosgashandiya market shows potentials than constraints, most of shops have vacant. That mean it may affect another factor apart from component of architectural and facilities consider in this research. This matter can be taken as further research area.

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### CHAPTER ONE

#### Introduction

#### 1.1. Background of the Study

This chapter is to discuss about the evolution of the supermarket concept. There has been a rapid transformation of the food retail sector in developing countries, beginning in the 1990s. This applies particularly to Latin America, South-East Asia, China and South Africa. However, growth is being witness in nearly all countries. With growth has come considerable competition and some amount of consolidation have arose. The growth has been driven by increasing affluence and the rise of a middle class; the entry of women into the workforce; with a consequent incentive to seek out easy-to-prepare foods; the growth in the use of refrigerators, making it possible to shop weekly instead of daily, and the growth in car ownership, facilitating journeys to distant stores and purchases of large quantities of goods. The opportunities presented by this potential have encouraged several European companies to invest in these markets (mainly in Asia) and American companies to invest in Latin America and China. Brook describes benefit of the public market as other hand, bring with them an array of follows. Public markets, on the important and exciting economic, social and environmental benefits. Public markets provide economic opportunity to a range of operators and entrepreneurs; properly structured they provide communities with an opportunity to revitalize, renew and refresh neighbourhoods and downtown enclaves; they can be an especially important gathering place for social interaction amongst a range of demographic and socio-economic cohorts; they provide public space; they link the community to its agricultural roots and environs and they are pathways for good health and nutrition to name but a few of the more obvious benefits that accrue with the development of a public market. Brooke (2011) public market.

Slave Island and Modara markets, there are only meat stalls. In Colombo Central market there were only fish stalls. The Kirulapone market which was constructed in 1997 has been designed properly. This market seems to be functioning smoothly. Kollupitiya market is also functioning at satisfactory level. Out of all these markets, Borella, Kollupitiya, and Kirulapone markets have separate meters for electricity. 9 out of 15 markets have market supervisors.

Considering the public markets in Colombo Municipal Council area, Borella public market is the largest public market in the capacity of space with five floors. (Annual budget statement in Colombo Municipal Council, 2008) The term public market has changed in meaning over time and still differs from place to place. Project for public space (2003), "Public markets as a vehicle for social integration and upward mobility".

General understanding of the public market is municipal or community sponsored market active in the wholesales and or retail sale of food and other related products. Rosenberg (1995) Dictionary of Retailing and Merchandising. With the increase of the population density, the range of goods and services demanded from the markets rose up. With the increasing population and demand the market places had to expand in order to cater the swelling number of customers and traders. Market places also can identify as public markets and private market. In Municipal Council Act No.48 of 1971, the public market has been defined as follows. Public market means any place which has here to fore been a public market under any replaced enactment or which may hereafter be declared to be a public market by resolution of the council. This research is going to be discussed about constraints and potentials of the public market with special reference to architectural design and facilities. In Sri Lanka specially in Colombo public markets were established in places where large amount of people are commuting and engaging with businesses. Therefore Colombo Municipal Council area can be introduce as high income people living area (Household income and expenditure survey 2007, Department of census and statistics)

In general Borella, Maradana, Pettah, Kollupitiya, Bambalapitiya Kirulapane areas have high rise residential buildings including condominiums.

However problem is most of the public markets belong to Colombo Municipal Council area are not successfully maintained or operated. As an example, most of cubicals of Borella, Kosgashandiya and Thotalaga markets are vacant.

A supermarket, a large form of the traditional grocery store, is a self-service shop offering a wide variety of food and household products, organized into aisles. It is larger in size and has a wider selection than a traditional grocery store, but is smaller