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ABSTRACT

Sri Lanka's capital has changed many times during the last two thousand years, in response to various influences, natural and geographic reasons and colonial influences. Today most of these capitals survive as historic artifacts while remaining in their original landscape character. The present capital – Colombo for example, owes much of its character to British Colonial rather than indigenous influences. Sri Lankan Government has taken a conscious decision to relocate all necessary administrative buildings in Sri Jayawardanapura Kotte in order to establish a new enclave to Sri Lankan Capital city.

This Dissertation explores the landscape identity achieved and situation to be so, in the creation of an enclave for the Sri Lankan capital.