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SOME REFLECTIONS ON INTEGRATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN SRI LANKA.

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Abstract: This Paper presents the view that urban development should have the well-being of the people as its ultimate goal, and as such, integrated urban development becomes very important in both formulation and implementation of urban policies for development. Harmonizing the environment and development in the urban context, with a view to striking a delicate balance between the two, underlies the concept of integrated urban development. This Paper stresses the fact that, in a developing country like Sri Lanka, such integrated planning is very important because resources are limited, and the pressure upon urban areas is also increasing. It points out that the challenge that faces the urban planner in Sri Lanka is to derive an appropriate strategy that would lead to an increase in urban productivity as well as environmentally sound urban development.