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11/01/2001 Island. 'Development of Southern Highway and Railway'



Participants at the lecture

The Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL) and the Chartered Institute of Transport Sri Lanka Section (CIT) conducted a public lecture on December 15, 2000 on "Development of Southern Highway and Railway". The lecturer, Dr. Nagananda Jayawardena who was the consultant for the Southern Development Authority briefly explained the future plans on the above programme, and also described the feasibility studies/surveys carried out by himself in the past, in order to

improve the total transport system on the southern region between Colombo and Ruhunupura.

The prime objectives and plans on the new proposal are as follows:

To introduce a system of faster travel between the city of Ruhunupura and Colombo.

In order to ensure that acquisition is minimized road and rail traces are located adjoining each other with interchangeable facilities along the route. The transport facilities so provided will enhance transport of people

and freight between Ruhunupura and Colombo. Also it is envisaged that with the development of the Hambantota Port to accommodate larger vessels the transshipment containers will be handled between Colombo Port and the Hambantota Port by rail.

With the improvement of road and rail between Ruhunupura and Colombo to travel between the cities within a space of three hours, undoubtedly there will be an enhanced and a quick development of Ruhunupura.

Development of Galle Harbour and Construction of Hambantota Harbour.

Upgrading Galle Matara Highway and improving roads in the region feeding the expressway.

Expand the Galle city

Expanding Koggala Airport

Continue the railway track from Ruhunupura to Kataragama.

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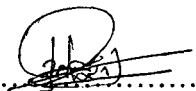
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