

## Transportation Site Visit

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One day before the start of the first train-the-teachers course on 'Transport System Planning for Smart and Liveable Cities' in the LBS2ITS project, the colleagues from TU Dresden and I had the opportunity to visit a transportation-related site visit led by colleagues from the University of Moratuwa.

The first stop was the Expressway control centre in Galanigama, which monitors the traffic on the southern highway from Colombo to Galle. Around 150 staff members are responsible for tasks ranging from monitoring the traffic flow to emergency response in the case of an incident.



*Site visit at the Expressway control centre in Galanigama*

At the following stop, the new facilities of the Kottawa Multi-modal hub south of Colombo were visited. This very modern multi-modal traffic hub serves a greater area within Sri Lanka with mainly long-distance overland buses and local buses, and other means of transportation. A train line is also connected to the bus terminal, although the train traffic is not as heavy as that of the busses except in morning and evening rush hours during the week. As we visited on a Sunday around noon, there was not much traffic going on.

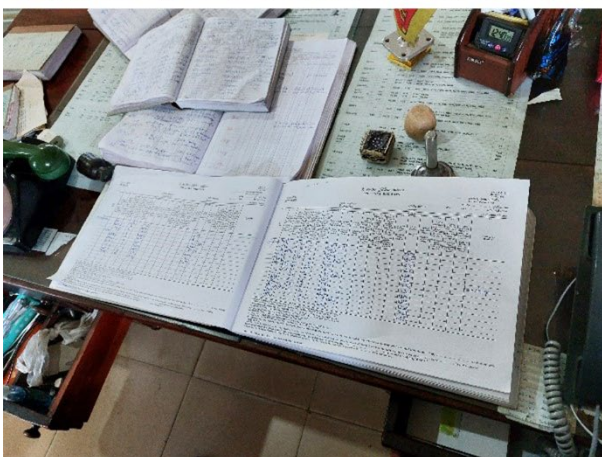






*At the Kottawa Multi-modal hub*

The third stop was made at the Maradana Railway Station, visiting the railway control centre. This control centre is located in the historical building of the train stations. After visiting the control centre, the station building and the platforms were also visited. The train stations serve mainly local travelling within the greater Colombo area.



*Visiting the Maradana railway station*

This day visit gave a good insight about local travel conditions for starting the training course on the next day.

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