**Entrance Gateways to the UNESCO World Heritage City of Anuradhapura**

**Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka**

**Competition Winning design - 1st Place**

This competition winning design is an Entrance gateway to the sacred area of the Ancient Kingdom of Anuradhapura the first capital of current day Sri Lanka. The Entrance gateway is a point of transition designed to capture the mind of the entrant and transform his state of mind to a more focused mind-set with respect and reverence.

The entrance gateway designs consist of three gateways (selected from a total of six) that derive from a cohesive singular conceptual theme. However each gateway has also evolved through contextual realities and inspirations that are unique to each one.

Each gateway has historical, religious symbolism however also relating to contemporary Sri Lanka.

The three sites chosen from given option are;

1. Eastern Entrance – Lion Pillar

2. Southern Entrance – Deke Kanuwa

3. North Eastern entrance – Malvatu Oya

The concept of the entrance gateway project is

**Celebration to Serenity.**

Celebration to serenity is a celebration of a rich cultural heritage that created a civilisation which evolved through Buddhism. This celebration ultimately culminates in serenity, the essence of the Buddhist philosophy where on ultimately seeks serenity.