Evaluation of Dissertation

"SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN PRACTICE WITH REFERENCE to SRI LANKA"

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Focus of the dissertation work

The topic of the work is oriented to the relevant problem of sustainable development and social responsibility from theoretical point of view as well as to the application on the Sri Lanka economy. There is no need to emphasize that the topic of this work is highly relevant but simultaneously very important from the long run point of view.

Aim of the dissertation work

consists in theoretical approach of sustainable development with accent on the social responsibility in practice with reference to Sri Lanka. This aim was accomplished.

In spite of different definitions sustainable development author accepted most useful explanation that "Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generation to meet their own needs". This approach links economic sustainability, environmental sustainability and sociopolitical sustainability.

Structure of the dissertation work

is logical and tends to both reflect and meet the stated aims. The work is divided into theoretical and applied parts. More detailed approach to the structure shows that balanced economic growth, which was a cornerstone of sustainable development was not adhered in the work. (Chapter 3). There is a large time gap between the concept of free market economy in classical approach and the present managed market economy. The author has forgotten about Keynesian market economy, which was market economy but with an accessory function of state. Also we can not find in the work some modern theories of managed market. Consequently 3 and 4 chapters are not balanced. I take into account that title of this work is "... and social responsibility..." and therefore the larger accent on chapter 4. But Chapter 3 is really unsufficient and a mixture of theoretical approach with real-life issues. There was the possibility here describe the "Social market economy" although this system was refused by Czech government.

My second objection concerns the conclusion of the dissertation work. It is too universal although there are a lot of partial results applied on the Sri Lanka in Chapter 5.
Therefore I require that author summarize the influence of the individual parts of sustainable development on Sri Lanka's economy within his defence. It could be a good outcome for the recommendation on how to orient economic policy in the future.

Contribution of the author

is in the application theory of sustainable development on the Sri Lanka economy. I have to underline that the doctoral student analysed real results of Sri Lanka economy within the framework legislative juristic regulation, which is a valuable contribution.

Technical aspects

of the present dissertation are of a high standard. The language employed is adequate and economic terminology are correctly used.

Publication activity

Corresponds to requirements required for defence of dissertation work.

On the ground of my total consideration I recommend the present dissertation work for defence.

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