PREFACE

Kolathunadu, considered as the political division of Second Chera kingdom in the early medieval period and as the powerful *Naduvali* in the medieval period, exists in the region of present Kannur district of Kerala, India. Like other *nads* of early medieval and medieval Kerala, the history of the evolution of Kolathunadu as a grouping of agrarian settlement which resulted in the development of various types of political power systems in different time spans is also yet to be historically reproduced. The present thesis, “Historical Geography of Kolathunadu - A study of the regional formation in medieval North Kerala,” which is produced as part of the fulfillment of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, is expected to contribute something to the study of the process of the formation of Kolathunadu from early historic period to the medieval time.

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