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A Research Report on
PLAYGROUNDS AND PLAY AREAS AND THEIR EQUIPMENTS

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INTRODUCTION

(The purposes of playgrounds and play areas, together with their equipments, are to provide children, who are the intended users, with places and facilities with which they could develop their mentality and creativity, while playing. It is within these playgrounds that children could learn all about their surroundings and learn how to play, and then, ultimately, learn how to cooperate with all the other young children.)

Children, as is very apparent, are increasingly more receptive and therefore gain knowledge very quickly, with each new generation. Their thirst for knowledge seems to have no end. Playgrounds and play areas, in this case, play a very important role in quenching this thirst.

Playgrounds of today are mostly similar in layout and equipments as those of ten or even twenty years ago. We can still see swings, see-saws and slides occupying most of the play areas and playgrounds. With a marked difference in the interests and mentalities between the children of today and those of several years ago, the types and choices of play equipments, as well as the layout, should be much more suited to the needs of today's children.

The purposes of this report is, therefore, to look into the existing playgrounds and play areas and suggest ways of upgrading and improving the present layout and standard of play equipments, so as to meet the children's needs. This report will also look into the provisions of play areas and playgrounds for children living in urban areas and in cities.

The study aspects will include the following :

- a. to look into the general situation prevalent today;
- b. to re-state the concept of play, playgrounds and play areas;
- c. to look into the existing playgrounds, play areas, and their equipments;
- d. to suggest ways of improving and upgrading the layout and the range of play equipments and other facilities for the play areas and playgrounds.