ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER: A Development Plan to Improve Religious Tourism in Saudi Arabia

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The most important cities in the religion of Islam are located in Saudi Arabia. Muslims from around the world come to perform Umrah and Hajj in Mecca each year. Therefore, I would like to come up with a development plan that aims to generate different sources of income, to decrease the unemployment rate, and to provide leisure time for the citizens and the visitors of the kingdom. In addition, in this project, I would like to address project’s issues by using GIS tools. I will locate all historical and archaeological places in one GIS map. Then I will evaluate and compare the quality of these places from different points of view, such as historical and economic value.