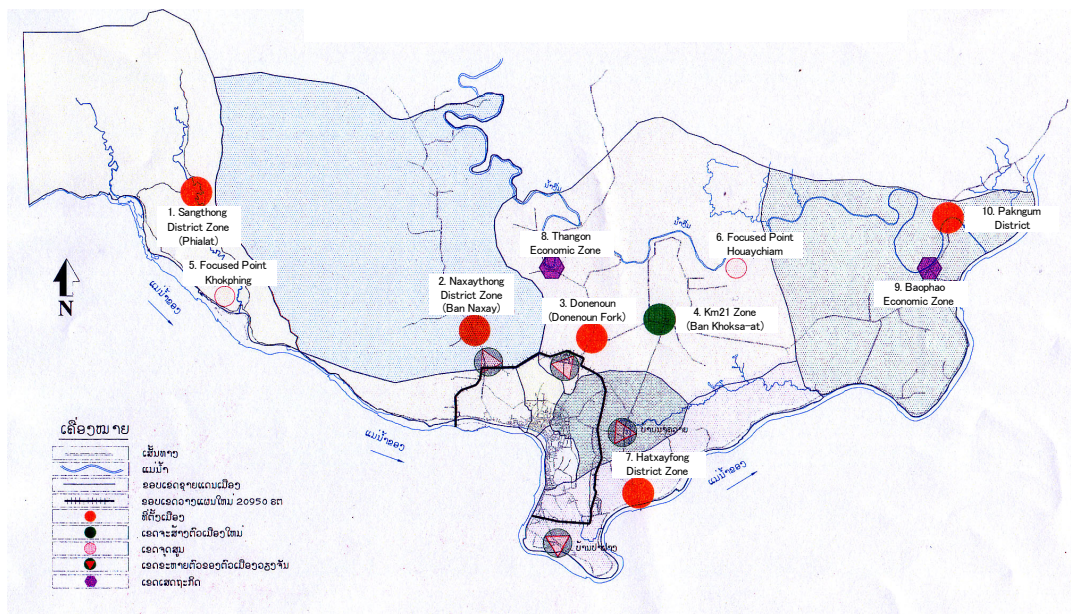


(2) Satellite Towns Zones

Satellite towns are located outside of the Capital Municipality Zones and they are defined as towns of which the population is not more than 10,000 people. The 10 satellite towns, are to focus mainly on agricultural development and as centres of economic activity. Location of these satellite towns which are included in the VUDMP are shown on Figure 25-4. As shown on the figure, Thangone area is included as one of the Satellite Towns Zones and this area is given 2nd priority for the developments mentioned above.

Figure 25-4 Satellite Towns



(3) Road Network and Drainage System

Future road networks including railway systems, roads set aside for electrical buses and waterways are described in the VUDMP. Future road network plans are shown in Figure 25-5.

The Vientiane urban area is situated in a low, flat area with a slope of 1% and a large part is classed as a flood risk area, therefore an effective drainage system is essential for urban development. The present drainage system in Vientiane is shown on Figure 25-6. As can be seen from this figure, the direction of the drainage is towards swamps or lakes which exist in peripheral areas in the northern and eastern areas of the city.