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## **CLC and URA launch the City Network for the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize**

**Singapore, 3 June 2024** – The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) have launched the **City Network for the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize (LKYWCP Network)** to facilitate global knowledge exchange on building liveable and sustainable cities, and to contribute towards improving the lives of citizens globally. Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for National Development, announced the new initiative at the Opening Plenary of the World Cities Summit 2024 today.

2 Envisioned as a community of practice for urban leaders and practitioners to collaborate on projects and provide a platform for global dialogue on urban issues, the Network aims to bring cities together to collectively address urban challenges through partnerships between government officials, planning departments and knowledge organisations. Founding Members of the Network comprise representatives from the seven Laureate cities of the LKYWCP since its inauguration in 2010 as well as nominated knowledge organisations from each city. The 20 Special Mention cities that have been recognised by the LKYWCP over the years have been invited to join the Network from today. The Network will also welcome future LKYWCP award recipients to join as Members, and selected cities as associate members.

*Please refer to the Annex for a full list of member cities.*

3 Members will participate in various forms of knowledge sharing on best practices and capability building initiatives to identify solutions for urban challenges. Collaboration efforts may take the form of multilateral projects such as joint research and pilots on sustainable urban rejuvenation as well as joint publications featuring case studies on models and approaches to quality affordable housing. The outcomes of such projects will be shared at future editions of the World Cities Summit for global benefit. The inaugural Knowledge Forum taking place at the World Cities Summit today will kickstart the collaboration efforts of the Network.

4 “The establishment of the Network is a sign of commitment from Singapore to foster global excellence in urban planning and policy for liveable and sustainable cities. Through a range of activities under the Network including sessions at World Cities Summit, we will facilitate cities sharing their innovative urban solutions, challenges, and successes, thereby enhancing learning and adaptation of best practices among cities across the world,” said Mr Hugh Lim, Executive Director, CLC.

5 “The cities recognised by the LKYWCP embody the spirit of innovation and resilience. Having successfully implemented practical solutions to transform their cities, they offer a rich source of knowledge and experience in tackling a broad range of urban issues and challenges. We hope that the knowledge shared by the members of the Network and future collaborations will inspire more cities to strive towards creating more liveable, inclusive and sustainable communities around the world,” said Mr Lim Eng Hwee, Chief Executive Officer, URA.

6 The World Cities Summit is a leading international event that gathers city leaders, policymakers, and experts to address urban challenges and share innovative solutions for sustainable development. The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize (LKYWCP), awarded biennially, honours visionary leaders and city initiatives that have significantly improved urban environments and quality of life. To learn more about this year’s LKYWCP Laureate and Special Mention cities, please visit <https://www.leekuaneyewworldcityprize.gov.sg/>.

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#### **About Centre for Liveable Cities**

Set up in 2008 by the Ministry of National Development and the then-Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) aims to distil, create and share knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities.

The CLC’s work spans four main areas: Research, Capability Development, Knowledge Platforms, and Advisory. Through these activities, it hopes to provide urban leaders and practitioners with the knowledge and support needed to make our cities better.

For more information, please visit [www.clc.gov.sg](http://www.clc.gov.sg)

#### **About Urban Redevelopment Authority**

The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) is Singapore’s land use planning and conservation agency. Our mission is ‘to make Singapore a great city to live, work and play’. We strive to create an endearing home and a vibrant and sustainable city through long-term planning and innovation, in partnership with the community.

URA’s multi-faceted role includes being the main government land sales agent. We attract and channel private capital investments to develop sites that support planning, economic and social objectives. We also partner the community to enliven our public spaces to create a car-lite, people-friendly and liveable city for all to enjoy. In

shaping a distinctive city, URA also promotes architecture and urban design excellence. Visit [www.ura.gov.sg](http://www.ura.gov.sg) for more information.

### **About the World Cities Summit**

The biennial World Cities Summit (WCS) is an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships. Jointly organised by Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), key highlights of the Summit include the WCS Mayors Forum, the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and the WCS Young Leaders Symposium.

For more information, visit [www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg](http://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg).

### **About the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize**

Named after Singapore's first Prime Minister, the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize is a biennial international award that honours outstanding achievements and contributions to the creation of liveable, vibrant and sustainable urban communities. Since it was inaugurated in 2010, the Prize has been awarded to 7 cities, with Special Mentions given out to 20 cities.

For more information, visit <https://www.leekuaneyeworldcityprize.gov.sg/>

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## **Annex**

### **City Network for the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize – Members**

#### *Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureates*

- Bilbao (2010)
- New York City (2012)
- Suzhou (2014)
- Medellin (2016)
- Seoul (2018)
- Vienna (2020)
- Mexico City (2024)

#### *International Knowledge Organisations*

- Bilbao Metropoli 30 (BM30), Bilbao
- México, ¿cómo vamos?, Mexico City
- Regional Planning Association (RPA), New York City
- Ruta N, Medellin
- Seoul Institute (SI), Seoul

- Suzhou Spatial Planning Think Tank Platform, Suzhou
- Urban Innovation Vienna (UIV), Vienna

#### Secretariats

- Centre for Liveable Cities, Singapore
- Urban Redevelopment Authority, Singapore

#### Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Network Knowledge Forum

Monday, 3 Jun 2024

11:15am – 12:30pm

The Knowledge Forum convenes representative knowledge organisations from the founding members of the Network to reflect on the urban challenges that their respective cities have tackled over the last decade and the ones that will impact their future. The panel discussion will highlight best practices to address these challenges and explore how cities can collaborate to find solutions for their urban future.

#### Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Network Convening Session

Monday 3 Jun 2024

14:00 – 15:30

The inaugural Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Network Convening Session brings together the Prize cities, providing a new platform to share and exchange insights on their continued progress and recent urban initiatives. This session aims to foster knowledge-sharing and innovation among cities, with the aim of amplifying the impact of their efforts across the world. Attendees will get to learn directly from these cities and gain valuable insights into how their initiatives can be adapted and applied within their own urban context.

#### Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Lecture

Mon 3 Jun 2024

16:00 – 17:30

The Prize Lecture and Forum will feature presentations by the 2024 Prize Laureate – Mexico City and Special Mentions – Cape Town, Melbourne and Wellington.

#### Urban Leaders Roundtable

Tue 4 Jun 2024

14:00 – 15:30

The Roundtable is a new platform to invite City and urban leaders to share insights and diverse perspectives on international best practices and global trends in topics such as city planning, sustainable urbanism and urban design.