



World Cities Summit 2014

Liveable and Sustainable Cities

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Message from the Managing Director of World Cities Summit 2014

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the World Cities Summit (WCS) newsletter.

This quarterly supplement will share news and stories leading up to WCS 2014 in June. It will feature up-to-date news regarding WCS, as well as interesting articles from sponsors and partners of WCS 2014 on urban issues and the challenges facing cities.

WCS 2014 will continue to be an exclusive and premier 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, and the Urban Redevelopment Authority, highlights of the Summit include the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and the annual World Cities Summit Mayors Forum.

A new initiative will be launched as part of World Cities Summit - Global Urban Leaders of the Future programme (GULF) - to reach out to global young leaders, cultivating them to play a role in urbanisation and start them thinking about how their actions will impact their cities. Senior Minister of State, Tan Chuan Jin will chair the selection committee with Ambassador Burhan Gafoor championing it.

Singapore will also host the 10th Ministers' Forum on Infrastructure Development in the Asia-Pacific Region (APIMM) in 2014, to bring together ministers and senior officials of urban development, water and environment portfolios to discuss planning strategies, exchange views and share experiences.

There is plenty to look forward to at the upcoming WCS in 2014. Join us now as sponsors to enjoy the full marketing mileage and opportunities to network with mayors and business leaders. Stay tuned to our website for more updates.

Larry Ng Lye Hock

WCS Mayors Forum 2013 in Bilbao for the First Time

For the first time, the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum will be hosted away from home, in Bilbao, Spain.

From 13-15 June 2013, the forum would be an opportunity to highlight the city's attributes which merited Singapore's award of the inaugural Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize. In addition, it allows a deeper and wider discourse on the range of urban challenges that cities beyond Asia will face.

The last forum in 2012 saw a record attendance of 99 Mayors and city leaders as well as 19 Ministers and ministerial representatives from 94 cities. The fourth Mayors Forum in Bilbao this year is expected to attract more Mayors from Europe, Latin American and North American cities.



Hosted by Mr Iñaki Azkuna, Mayor of Bilbao, the Forum will be chaired by Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister for National Development. We are also honoured to have Crown Prince Felipe of Spain as the guest of honour for the Forum.

The theme for this year is **Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Common Challenges, Shared Solutions**. As this is a gathering of city leaders, the discussions would centre on sharing of testimonies of leadership. Mayors will be asked to share initiatives which they had successfully introduced or implemented in their respective cities, how they sought city stakeholders' buy-in for the proposals, and how they rallied resources and finances for the projects. Following last edition's well-received format, there will also be a mix of plenary and breakout sessions to allow closer interactions and more in-depth discussions among peers. The five sub-themes are 'High Quality of Life', 'Competitive Economy', 'Sustainable Environment', 'Integrated Master Planning' and 'Dynamic Urban Governance'.

Prominent urban thought leaders, including Mr Greg Clark (International mentor and advocate for cities), Ambassador Chan Heng Chee (Ambassador-at-Large, Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Chairman, Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities of SUTD), Mr Peter Ho (Senior Advisor, Centre for Strategic Futures; Chairman, Urban Redevelopment Authority of Singapore) and Dr Alfonso Vegara (President and founder, FM) will be facilitators of the sessions.

More about WCS Mayors Forum 2013 [here](#).

Looking back at WCS Mayors Forum 2012



On 1 July 2012, over a hundred leaders from cities across Asia, Europe, Africa and the Americas gathered in Singapore for the third annual WCS Mayors Forum, making it the largest event of its kind. Under the theme ‘Liveable and Sustainable Cities’, the Forum addressed pressing urban issues, generated new insights, ideas and solutions that can be applied to many cities.

Read the full report [here](#).

“The breakout sessions were very useful as participants get to share the issues and challenges. This way, it allows all to learn from each other’s experiences. And the summary session also provides a good conclusion where the most important and critical challenges were addressed. This forum is very useful and informative. I am pleased to attend this forum.”

His Excellency, Fahad Al Jubair, Mayor, Al Hasa, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

“The WCS Forum is a great enabling opportunity for mayors and those involved in all aspects of building cities to connect and learn from one another.”

Lisa Scaffidi, The Lord Mayor of Perth, Australia

“Well organised with very professional people involved.”

His Excellency Haji Ilham Arief Siraj, Mayor, Makassar, Indonesia

Read more testimonials [here](#).

Thoughts from City Leaders



In the lead up to the WCS Mayors Forum 2013, we are delighted to launch the WCS Mayors Forum [website](#) to update on the details of this event.

We are also proud to launch a Mayors’ Blog exclusively penned by city leaders. This collection of personal testimonies will highlight the role of integrated master planning and dynamic urban governance in the successful execution of urban projects. Featuring the latest initiatives of cities from across the globe, mayors and other city leaders will share their personal experiences in leading and inspiring their cities’ stakeholders to transform vision to reality. These urban projects cut across a wide range of pressing issues including housing, transport, social integration and conservation.

The first entry of the Mayors’ Blog has been written by Mayor Iñaki Azkuna of Bilbao, the host of the World Cities



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 around the world. The Prize seeks to recognise cities and their key leaders and organisations for displaying foresight, good governance and innovation in tackling the many urban challenges faced, to bring about social, economic and environmental benefits in a holistic way to their communities. Past Laureates include Bilbao (2010) and New York City (2012).

Stage A Nominations are now open. Submit your nominations [here](#) before 29 March 2013.

More information can be found [here](#).