

Special feature: The Value of Cities

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As developing cities move up the economic value chain, these cities' citizens, businesses and local governments generally see improvements across the board. Incomes increase, society becomes healthier and better educated, city streets and walkways become cleaner, and the general quality of living rises.

However, significant challenges arise during this change process and becoming economically high-value does not automatically make cities highly liveable. Balancing economic imperatives with social and environmental demands is a delicate task. Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China - the 2014 Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureate - exemplifies the journey developing cities must make in order to simultaneously climb the value chain and become highly liveable.

About



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 is awarded to cities and recognises 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

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holistic way to their communities.

Key Dates:

Prize Lecture
World Cities Summit 2014
2 June 2014

Prize Forum
World Cities Summit 2014
2 June 2014

Award Ceremony & Banquet
World Cities Summit 2014
2 June 2014

City Focus: Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China



Mayor Zhou Naixiang explains the innovation and transformation of Suzhou over the years. Suzhou, located right at the centre of the Yangtze Delta and south of Jiangsu province, is known for its many scenic water bodies.

The city of more than 10 million citizens is also praised for its beautiful gardens and efforts in preserving its ancient cultural heritage. Meanwhile, Suzhou continues to advance with innovative technologies and strategies that promote rural and urban integration, talent cultivation and sustainable development.

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Interview with Mr Xu Ming



Mr Xu Ming is the Vice Mayor of Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China. As a senior economist, he oversees Suzhou's commerce, export driven economy and international cooperation.

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Prize Lecture and Prize Forum at WCS 2014



The 2014 Prize Laureate and Special Mentions will be sharing their challenges, experiences and achievements at the Prize Lecture and Prize Forum respectively on 2 June 2014 at World Cities Summit in Singapore.



Join us at the Prize Forum where 2 prominent members from Nominating Committee, Dr Cheong Koon Hean and Prof Marilyn Taylor, will share key learning points gathered from the 2014 Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize submissions, jury's considerations during the evaluation process, and engage the audience on questions related to the Prize.

[More information on the Prize Lecture, Prize Forum and Award Ceremony and Banquet.](#)

The World Cities Summit from 1 to 4 June is 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.

Registration is now [open](#).

Awards Ceremony & Banquet

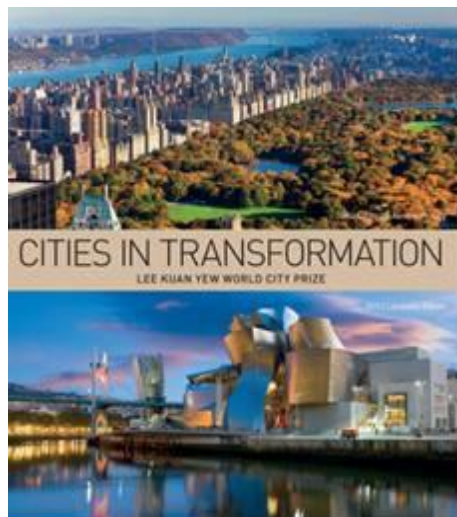


The Lee Kuan Yew Prize Awards Ceremony and Banquet celebrates achievements and honours the excellence in sustainable development for cities. The President of Singapore Dr Tony Tan is the Guest of Honour at the ceremony.

The Awards Ceremony and Banquet presents a prestigious and elegant networking occasion for participants to extend corporate hospitality to business associates for an evening of celebration.

Tickets are available for purchase [here](#).

Cities in Transformation



Cities in Transformation: Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize includes 11 inspiring, transformative stories of cities and communities, with practical and impactful urban solutions and ideas that can be adapted across the world. The book features two Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureates and nine Special Mentions from 2010 and 2012.

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