



## Special feature: Medellín's remarkable urban transformation despite limited resources

### Transforming Barrios, Transforming Medellín

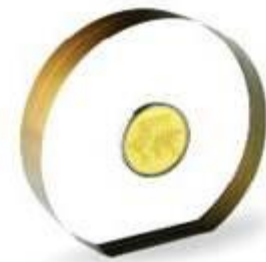


*Escalators in Comuna 13 © Carlos Escobar*

Like many developing cities, Medellín experienced a rapid surge in population from the 1950s. The proliferation of informal settlements in the city and its periphery brought along a host of issues from violence and inaccessibility to housing safety and lack of public infrastructure. What made Medellín stand out, however, was its bold, grounds-up approach to tackling informal settlements and their associated issues.

Following two decades of sustained effort, the 2016 Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureate today demonstrates the remarkable urban transformation that can be brought about with determination, vision and creativity, even in the face of limited resources.

### 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

Tan Chui Hua reports.

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## Interview with Medellín



Mr Aníbal Gaviria Correa, former Mayor of Medellín and Mr Jorge Alberto Pérez Jaramillo, Architect and former Director of Planning of Medellín were in Singapore in March for the announcement of the 2016 Prize Laureate.

In this exclusive interview, they share with us their thoughts on Medellín winning the Prize, the factors that contributed to the remarkable transformation of their city, and the challenges faced during the transformation process.

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## Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize at the World Cities Summit 2016

innovation in tackling the many urban challenges faced, to bring about social, economic and environmental benefits in a holistic way to their communities.

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**Lee Kuan Yew Award Ceremony  
& Banquet at World Cities  
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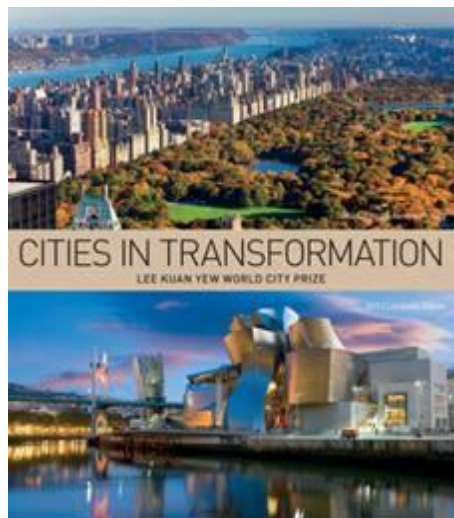
*The 2014 edition of the Lee Kuan Yew Prize Award Ceremony and Banquet*

The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize is a key highlight of the World Cities Summit 2016. The prestigious award will be presented to the 2016 Laureate – Medellín at the Lee Kuan Yew Prize Award Ceremony and Banquet, a gala dinner event that celebrates the achievements of the winning city and graced by our Guest-of-Honour the Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong.

Medellín will be sharing their unique transformation story at the Lee Kuan Yew Prize Lecture, while the 2016 Special Mention cities – Auckland, Sydney, Toronto and Vienna will be sharing their special urban initiatives at the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Forum. Both the Lecture and the Forum will be held on 11 July 2016.

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## 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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