

## Announcement: 2016 Prize Laureate

### 2016 Prize Laureate: City of Medellín



#### 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

**The City of Medellín, Colombia**, has been conferred the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2016 for its remarkable transformation over the past two decades after overcoming challenges of uncontrolled expansion and years of violence as a result of social inequalities. Through bold leadership, long-term plans and social innovation, the city's leaders have tackled its most pressing issues and improved the economy as well as its citizens' employability and quality of life.

More information on the Prize Laureate:

[Jury citation of Prize Laureate](#)

[Commemorative video of Prize Laureate](#)

Read the full press release [here](#).

## 2016 Special Mentions



Four cities have also been selected for Special Mention to facilitate greater sharing of urban practices with cities around the world. They are:

- Auckland, New Zealand
- Sydney, Australia
- Toronto, Canada
- Vienna, Austria



**Auckland** is recognised for its successful reinvention and innovative integration of former disconnected and complex governance structures into a 'Super Council' to realign and unify its governance model to bring about urban transformation in one of the world's most remote cities.

**Sydney** is recognised for its demonstration of strong leadership, relentless commitment and high level of collaboration with its citizens and stakeholders in

about social, economic and environmental benefits in a holistic way to their communities.

Key Dates:

**Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Lecture & Forum at World Cities Summit 2016**  
11 July 2016

**Lee Kuan Yew Award Ceremony & Banquet at World Cities Summit 2016**  
11 July 2016

**Call for Nominations for 2018 Prize Cycle**  
Opens 11 July 2016 (watch this space)



tackling urban challenges.

**Toronto** is recognised for its outstanding social integration strategies, and reversing the trend of suburban sprawl and revitalising its city centre over the past 40 years – a result of long-term visioning backed by a committed civil service, public and private organisations and a people that embraces its diversity.



**Vienna** is recognised for its outstanding environmental stewardship and successful transformation into a highly liveable, innovative and green city while protecting its rich heritage, especially in its well-maintained historic city centre.

Read the jury citations [here](#).

## Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Special Lecture: Medellín – A City in Transformation



This special lecture will outline Medellín's development over the past three decades, a time of considerable social and economic difficulties for the city and its population. It will highlight how social and spatial plans, within a context of strong participatory, associative and democratic work, helped the city to overcome these difficulties and start looking ahead to a brighter future. The lecture will stress the relevance of multi-scale planning, urbanism, public architecture and state-provided infrastructure as powerful social development tools.

The lecture will be held on **17 March 2016**, 4 – 6pm

at the URA Centre.

Register for the talk [here](#).

## World Cities Summit 2016



The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize is a key highlight of the World Cities Summit (WCS). The biennial summit is the 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.

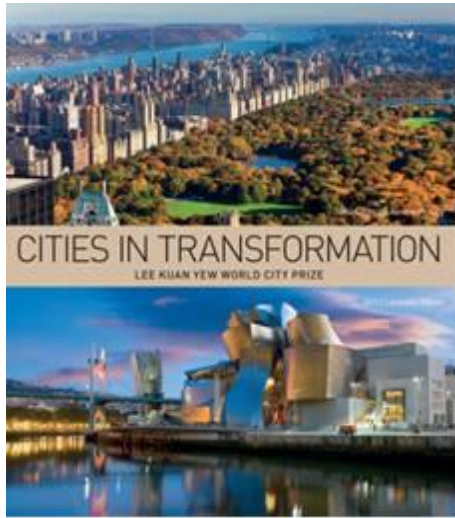
Under the theme “*Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Innovative Cities of Opportunity*” the 5th edition of the biennial Summit will be held in Singapore from **10 – 14 July 2016**.

Other highlights include WCS Mayors Forum, Plenaries, In-Focus Forums, Site Visits, Networking Events and strategically co-located events.

More information [here](#).

## Cities in Transformation

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*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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