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Seoul rejuvenated: creating a people-first city

From converting a vehicle overpass into a sky garden to reviving a waterway that had been paved over for the construction of a highway, the city of Seoul in South Korea has been reclaiming public spaces to build a better and more sustainable city for its citizens.

These efforts, as well as its innovativeness in rejuvenating deteriorating neighbourhoods, helped the city win the 2018 Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize. Read on to find out how Seoul has created for itself a people-first city.

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Having faced challenges in Seoul's redevelopment projects as a result of an increasingly vocal public with a greater interest in their city's urban development, the city devised creative ways to meet the people's needs while still achieving the city's vision.

One of these is the creative repurposing of dilapidated urban infrastructure, which the city termed as "development without demolition". In this photo essay, we look at some of these innovative projects that conserve modern heritage while preserving collective memories.

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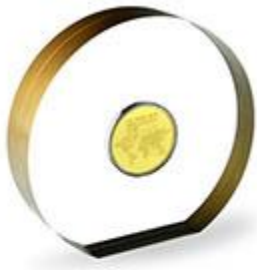
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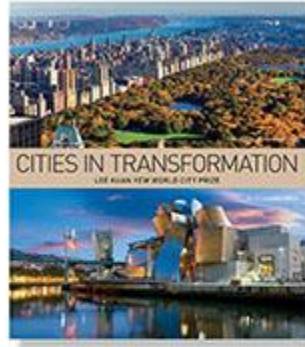
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