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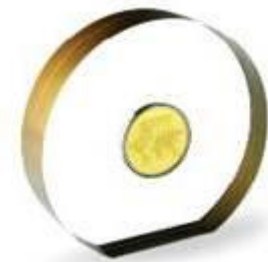
Natural habitats and their biodiversity are increasingly seen as vital components of liveable cities. They provide spaces for recreation and help to restore physical and mental health. Urban parks and forests also contribute to a sense of belonging and well-being. The challenge of preserving green spaces and their associated ecosystem services is compounded in many cities in developing regions.

Marcus Ng reports.

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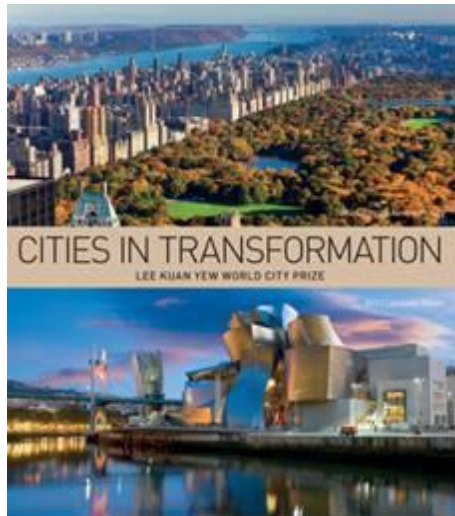
The Prize is awarded to cities and recognises their key leaders and organisations for displaying foresight, good governance and



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