

CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES 10th ANNIVERSARY FACTSHEET

The Centre for Liveable Cities, Singapore (CLC) is a knowledge centre that was set up in June 2008 by the Ministry of National Development (MND) and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (MEWR), based on a strategic blueprint developed by Singapore's Inter-Ministerial Committee on Sustainable Development (IMCSD).

CLC derives key learning points from Singapore's urban transformation, and builds on the insights into the evolution and development of policies to address current and future urban challenges. It shares this knowledge with urban planners and leaders globally, in order to position Singapore as a global hub for urban solutions. This is in line with CLC's mission to distil, create and share knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities.

Over the past 10 years, CLC has trained local public sector officers from the Infrastructure and Environment (I&E) sector, and organised a host of capability development programmes and activities for high-level dignitaries such as

- Mr Albert Garcia, Governor of Bataan Provincial Government, The Philippines;
- Ms Sylvia Tabitha Muzila, Mayor of Francistown, Botswana;
- Ms Manisha Mhaskar, Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra Urban Development Department, & Mission Director for Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), India; and
- Mr Leng Aunny, Vice Governor of Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

These programmes include the Temasek Foundation International Leaders in Urban Governance Programme (TFiLUGP), an exclusive 5-day mayoral programme organised in partnership with Temasek Foundation International, as well as the Singapore UN-Habitat International Leaders in Urban Governance Programme (SGUNHiLUGP), which brings together urban development experts from UN-Habitat and Singapore to discuss urban policies and practices in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda.

CLC has also played a key role in the development of cities by seeking to understand each city's unique challenges, and sharing good practices in urban and infrastructure planning, development and governance. Some examples of the cities are:

- **Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh (India)**
Since 2015, CLC has been part of a team led by Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) to provide advice and capability development support to the Indian State of Andhra Pradesh, in its efforts to develop its new capital city, Amaravati.
- **Colombo (Sri Lanka)**
Having participated in TFiLUGP, Sri Lankan officials requested a customised programme into specific areas of planning and development, and the solutions-oriented workshops culminated in the Beira Lake Intervention Area Development Plan,

launched by Minister Champika Ranawaka of the Megapolis and Western Development Ministry in November 2017.

- **Jakarta (Indonesia)**

CLC worked with the Jakarta City Government and Jakarta Property Institute to explore ways to improve its urban planning and traffic management. Jakarta city officials have also taken part in CLC's TFiLUGP and customised deep-dive workshops, which received positive feedback from Governor Anies Baswedan and Deputy Governor Sandiaga Uno.

CLC cultivates thought leaders on liveable and sustainable cities through various events for diverse urban stakeholders.

- **World Cities Summit**

Established since 2008, the biennial World Cities Summit (WCS) is the exclusive platform for government leaders, industry experts and academia to address city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships. Held in conjunction with the Singapore International Water Week and CleanEnviro Summit Singapore, the three global events allow delegates to network and discover synergies between urban planning, water and environmental solutions.

- **World Cities Summit Mayors Forum**

The annual by-invitation-only World Cities Summit Mayors Forum was initiated in 2010 as a response to the urgent need for cities to come together to address pressing urban challenges, and has since become one of the biggest platforms for mayors and city leaders to generate new insights, ideas and solutions.

- **CLC Lecture Series**

Since 2008, CLC organises regular lectures for urban thought leaders and experts to exchange knowledge and best practices. With over 100 lectures to date, past lectures include *Singapore's Public Housing Story* by Dr Liu Thai Ker (Chairman, Morrow Architects and Planners, and former CEO, Housing and Development Board), *People-Oriented Strategies for City Planning* by Jan Gehl (renowned Danish architect and urban design consultant), and *Hong Kong's Heritage Conservation: A Paradigm Shift* by Carrie Lam, then-Secretary for Development and current Chief Executive of Hong Kong SAR.

CLC publishes original print and digital media products which reach over 35,000 mayors, city leaders, urban planners and practitioners, academics, students and more. Examples include:

- **Urban System Studies**

CLC's signature publication series documents Singapore's development journey from hundreds of interviews with urban pioneers and practitioners, which reveal not only the visible outcomes of its development, but also the complex support structures of its transformation.

- **Urban Solutions**

CLC's flagship biannual magazine aims to equip and inspire senior city leaders and industry professionals, addressing cross-disciplinary challenges facing Singapore and other cities.

CLC also builds on the knowledge to address current and future challenges for Singapore and other cities. It has completed several think-pieces, and collaborative projects with stakeholder agencies, companies and research partners, such as

- *Creating Liveable Cities through Car-Lite Urban Mobility* with the Urban Land Institute;
- *Challenges and Reforms in Urban Governance: Insights from the development experience of China and Singapore* with the Development Research Center of the State Council of the People's Republic of China; and
- *Planning for Communities: Lessons from Seoul and Singapore* with the Seoul Institute.

CLC will be releasing a special 10th anniversary publication which will mark the 10th anniversary of CLC's formation. Titled "*Making Cities Liveable: Insights from 10 years of Lectures at The Centre for Liveable Cities*", the publication will be launched by Minister Lawrence Wong at the closing of the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum on 8 July 2018.

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