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MODELS OF INNOVATION HONOURED AT LEE KUAN YEW PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY



(From left to right) Loh Chin Hua, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Keppel Corporation; Lee Boon Yang, Chairman, Non-Executive and Independent Director, Keppel Corporation; Federico Gutierrez Zuluaga, Mayor of Medellín, Colombia (the city of Medellín is the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2016 Laureate); Aníbal Gaviria Correa, former mayor of Medellín, Colombia; Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore; Professor John Anthony Cherry, Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2016 Laureate; Professor Lim Pin, Chairman, Singapore Millennium Foundation; Professor Lee Sing Kong, Board Member, Singapore Millennium Foundation.

Singapore, 11 July 2016 – The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2016 and the Lee Kuan Yew

Water Prize 2016 were presented respectively to the city of Medellín, Colombia, and world-renowned hydrogeologist Professor John Anthony Cherry this evening by the Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Lee Hsien Loong. The 2016 Laureates were honoured in an audience of global industry leaders, mayors and city leaders, and experts at the Lee Kuan Yew Prize Award Ceremony and Banquet held at The Ritz Carlton Millenia, Singapore.

The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2016 Laureate, Medellín, tells the compelling story of a city which has transformed itself from one of the world's most dangerous cities to one that is being held up as a model for urban innovation within a span of just two decades. 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. Medellín's extraordinary transformation story serves not only as an inspiration for cities looking to overcome similar challenges, but also provides many valuable lessons for all cities worldwide.

The Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2016 Laureate, Professor John Anthony Cherry is recognised for his contributions and influence in groundwater management, and lifelong dedication to the protection of groundwater resources. The insights and contributions made by Prof Cherry form today's framework in understanding one of the world's most precious water resources, and ultimately lead to the provision of safe drinking water to populations that rely primarily on groundwater resources.

In conjunction with the occasion, a book dedicated to the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew was presented to Prime Minister Lee. Titled "*A Chance of a Lifetime: Lee Kuan Yew and the Physical Transformation of Singapore*", it charts Singapore's urban development over the past half-century and includes a foreword written by Prime Minister Lee.

The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize are some of the key highlights of the World Cities Summit and Singapore International Water Week, which are co-located with CleanEnviro Summit Singapore. All three events are being held at Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore until 14 July 2016.

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About World Cities Summit

The World Cities Summit (WCS) is the exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships. Based on the theme “Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Innovative Cities of Opportunity”, the fifth edition of the WCS seeks to explore how cities can better govern and build up resilience through policy, technology and social innovations. With active engagement, there will be more opportunities for the public, private and people sectors to co-create innovative and integrated urban solutions for a more liveable and sustainable future. For more information, visit www.worldcityssummit.com.sg.

About Singapore International Water Week

The Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) is the global platform to share and co-create innovative water solutions. Comprising the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize, Water Leaders Summit, Water Convention, Business Forums, Industrial Water Solutions Forum, Water Expo, TechXchange, Young Water Leaders Summit and HydroPreneur Programme, SIWW delivers a range of flagship programmes and platforms that bring together the global value chain of water to share the latest in business and technological innovations, as well as policy developments in water. The 7th Singapore International Water Week will be held from 10th-14th July 2016, co-located with the World Cities Summit (WCS) and CleanEnviro Summit Singapore (CESS). For more information, please visit www.siww.com.sg/.

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