

London conferred Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize at award ceremony

The eighth edition of the prestigious global award for urban excellence also recognised Antwerp, Budapest, Guangzhou, Taipei, and Tianjin for their successful urban rejuvenation projects and programmes, and ability to galvanise citizens as part of their cities' solutions.



(From left to right) Mr Loh Chin Hua, CEO and Executive Director of Keppel Ltd¹; Ms Indranee Rajah, Second Minister for National Development, Singapore; His Excellency Nikesh Mehta, British High Commissioner to Singapore; Sir Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London; Mr Gan Kim Yong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry, Singapore; Mr Chee Hong Tat, Minister for National Development, Singapore; Professor Cheong Koon Hean, Chair, Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Nominating Committee

Singapore, 15 June 2026 – Mr Gan Kim Yong, Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry, presented the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2026 to London this evening. Sir Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London, received the Prize on behalf of the city. The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Award Ceremony and Banquet

¹ Keppel Ltd is the Sponsor of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize.

was held at the Capitol Theatre this year as part of the World Cities Summit 2026, with international industry leaders, mayors and city leaders in attendance.

2 London was named the Laureate of the 2026 Prize for its exceptional capacity to reinvent itself and deliver transformational change for the bustling metropolis. Despite the complexities of governing more than nine million residents across 32 boroughs and the City of London Corporation, London has demonstrated resilient leadership and coordinated governance in its approach to urban development.

3 Antwerp, Budapest, Guangzhou, Taipei, and Tianjin received Special Mentions at the award ceremony for their innovative approaches to addressing urban challenges and advancing city transformation.



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4 Jointly organised by the Urban Redevelopment Authority and the Centre for Liveable Cities, the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize honours outstanding achievements and contributions to the creation of liveable, vibrant, and sustainable urban communities around the world. For more details, please visit www.leekuaneyewworldcityprize.gov.sg.

5 The Award Ceremony and Banquet was one of the key highlights of the World Cities Summit 2026 held at Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre from 14 to 16 June 2026.

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For more details on the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2026, please visit:

<https://www.ura.gov.sg/Corporate/Media-Room/Media-Releases/pr26-20>

To download high resolution images of the Prize Laureate and Special Mention cities, please visit:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_33bEIK9vVny9eMo11ZzA2BOY69BX-hy?usp=sharing

To download the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize publication, please visit:

<https://go.gov.sg/lkywcp-2026>.

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About the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize

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 about social, economic and environmental benefits in a holistic way to their communities. For more information on the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize, please visit <https://www.leekuaneyewworldcityprize.gov.sg>.

About the World Cities Summit

The biennial World Cities Summit (WCS) is an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships. Jointly organised by Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), key highlights of the Summit include the WCS Mayors Forum, the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and the WCS Young Leaders Symposium. For more information, visit www.worldcitiesummit.com.sg.