

MEDIA RELEASE

Two New Publications on Tackling Urban Challenges Launched

Singapore – Two new publications aimed at helping urban leaders identify practical solutions and share good practices to create liveable and sustainable cities, were launched by the Centre for Liveable Cities, Singapore (CLC) at the World Cities Summit 2012 today.

CLC's inaugural issue of its flagship periodical, the '**Urban Solutions**' magazine, will be distributed free of charge to a global audience comprising leaders of hundreds of major cities, particularly those with more than one million inhabitants, as well as to prominent industry experts. Response to the magazine has been positive, with several leading experts and organisations keen to contribute to subsequent publications of the magazine.

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Underscoring the significance of the burgeoning integrated urban solutions industry, stakeholders in the public and private sectors have responded to the publication with keen interest. CLC is also publishing for the first time its original research on the "CLC Framework on Liveable and Sustainable Cities" unveiled by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong yesterday. The electronic version can be accessed online at www.clc.gov.sg/Publications/urbansolutions.htm.

Addressing over 600 distinguished guests including mayors, governors, business and urban sector leaders from around the world at the launch, Mr Khoo Teng Chye, CLC Executive Director, said, "I hope that you will find '**Urban Solutions**' informative, inspiring, and most

importantly, a useful resource as you lead and shape the cities of our world, for a more liveable and sustainable future.”

The **Singapore Urban Systems Studies Booklet Series** draws on CLC’s original Urban Systems Studies research into Singapore’s development over the last half-century. Each booklet is focused on a different ‘urban system’ – namely water, transport, housing, planning, the economy, and the environment. The booklets are produced in collaboration with Government agencies, and they tap on exclusive interviews with past and present leaders. These practitioner-centric booklets present a succinct overview and highlight key principles of Singapore’s development model.

The inaugural booklet in this series launched today is ***Water: From Scarce Resource to National Asset***, developed in partnership with PUB, Singapore’s national water agency. The booklet recounts Singapore’s remarkable water story success and delicate balancing act as one of the world’s most water-stressed countries.

PUB Chairman Mr Tan Gee Paw commended the effort, “The Water Urban Systems Study succinctly captures how Singapore was able to turn its water constraints into a virtue... I hope that through this Water Urban Systems Study, readers will gain a better appreciation of the foresight, tenacity, ingenuity and strong public support that enabled Singapore to successfully close the water loop and provide water for all.”

The launch of the publications is a co-located event at this year’s World Cities Summit (WCS), a global premier platform for city leaders and experts to exchange new ideas on liveable and sustainable urban solutions, explore the latest technologies and forge new business partnerships. The third edition of WCS is currently being held from 1 to 4 July 2012 at the Sands Expo & Convention Center, Marina Bay Sands, in Singapore.

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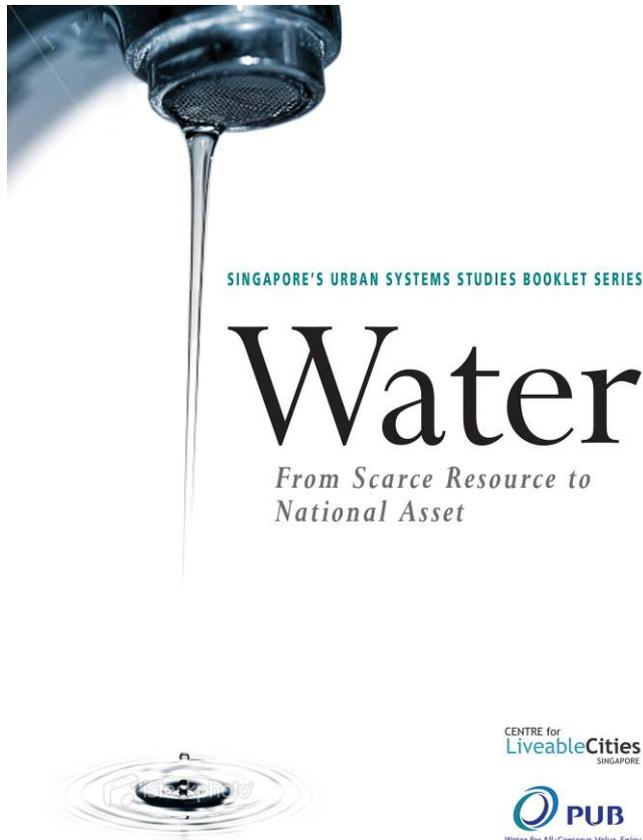
'Urban Solutions' is a free, six-monthly magazine published in print and electronic versions. It will feature best practices, think-pieces, interviews and other contributions from top global practitioners and thought-leaders in urban planning, development and governance. The first two issues are joint editorial efforts with Singapore's Urban Redevelopment Authority, to explore the topic of planning liveable, high-density cities.

The signature *Features* section in 'Urban Solutions' is where city leaders share their experiences and best practices by profiling a real project, policy or programme. The inaugural issue profiles inspiring stories from Brazil, China, Ethiopia and Singapore. *City Focus* takes a broader look at a city as a whole, beginning in this issue with New York, the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureate in 2012.

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The inaugural *Interview* is with Dr Liu Thai Ker, (Chairman/ CLC, Director, RSP Architects Planners & Engineers). Experts and research centres share their works in the *Research & Reports* section, including articles by Flemming Borreskov (President, International Federation for Housing and Planning), and Jeremy Bentham (Vice President, Global Business Environment, Royal Dutch Shell).

Singapore Urban Systems Studies - Water: From Scarce Resource to National Asset



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The Singapore Urban Systems Studies Booklet Series will be published for sale in print and digital versions. 'Water: From Scarce Resource to National Asset' is available for sale at the

Sustainable Singapore Pavilion at the World Cities Summit Expo (Hall B, Level 1, Sands Expo & Convention Center). It will be marketed to local and overseas bookstores, libraries and universities, as well as available from online retailers, like Amazon and Vital Source Store.

About the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC)

The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) was set up in 2008 by the Ministry of National Development and the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, based on a strategic blueprint developed by Singapore's Inter-Ministerial Committee on Sustainable Development. The Centre's mission is to distil, create and share knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities. CLC distils key learning points from Singapore's experiences over the last half-century, while creating knowledge to address emerging challenges. It also shares knowledge with, and learns from, other cities and experts. Guided by the CLC Framework for Liveable and Sustainable Cities, the Centre works across three main areas - Research, Training, and Promotions. www.clc.gov.sg

About World Cities Summit

The World Cities Summit is a premier global platform for world leaders and experts to exchange new ideas on liveable and sustainable urban solutions, explore the latest technologies and forge new business partnerships. Based on the theme of "Liveable And Sustainable Cities – Integrated Urban Solutions", the third edition of the Summit is expected to share new insights and trends on urbanisation challenges around the world. For more information, visit www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg