

# 2nd Asian Metropolitan City Summit

## Adopting innovative planning for city transformation

"Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now"  
Alan Lakein

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### Overview

The challenges faced by today's big cities are mostly due to the unexpected and unplanned population growth. The United Nations estimates that about 180,000 people are being added to the urban population every day. The wave of urbanization is too big and travelling too fast for planners and policymakers to anticipate all of its consequences. However, if managed successfully, urbanization efforts can lead the way to higher productivity, earnings, social services and overall, a better quality of life.

As population grows in urban areas, it is becoming increasingly difficult for a majority of urban residents to obtain and retain affordable land and housing. According to UN-HABITAT's "Affordable Land and Housing in Asia 2011", access to affordable housing is a serious and considerable challenge especially for low-income households. Hence it is no surprise that governments such as in Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines and China have been promoting affordable housing through a variety of policy mechanisms. Nonetheless, the authorities need to stimulate the role of private sectors in affordable housing developments.

Despite battling with land scarcity, congestion, weak institutional coordination, limited finances and demand for infrastructure, governments believe that cities are the engines of growth. For most countries, GDP growth derives from performance of major cities and this concentration in the urban sources of growth will increase. Thus the challenges for urban planners will evolve as well. Good governance, metropolitan management and innovation will be key motivators.

**2nd Asian Metropolitan City Summit** aims to address the challenges of urbanization by adopting innovative planning for city transformation.

### Take away with you skills and strategies on:

- Discovering a city with limited space and within guided development policies
- Finding a balance between constructing affordable housing and budget limitation
- Advancing sustainable planning by learning through successful models
- Adopting innovative technologies in building smart cities
- Public risk management
- Structuring new projects with investment embedded plans

### Who should attend?

Director Generals, City Mayors, CEOs, COOs, CTOs, Managing Directors, General Managers, Directors, Heads and Sr. Managers of:-

- District planning authorities
- Regional planning authorities
- Federal planning authorities
- Town planning
- Urban development and management
- Land and housing development
- Architecture and engineering
- Landscape planners
- Construction companies
- Real estate professionals
- Property developers
- Environmental planners
- Stakeholders
- Bankers
- Investors

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