

*Reshaping the Urbanomics of Cities*  
9 - 11 September



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## Preface

The 9th Asia Pacific Cities Summit (2013APCS & Mayors' Forum) was hosted by Kaohsiung City Government between 9-11 September, attracting over 1500 delegates converging from 104 international cities across Australasia, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the Americas and Europe. Alongside the 2013APCS main program sits the 2013APCS Mayors' Forum which is not only an essential tradition of APCS but also the event to gather and exchange urban governance experience from cities across the region. The Mayors' Accord is the concrete achievement of Mayors' Forum, considered an important record from each Summit, which will become the reference for future urban governance and represent the achievement of the 2013APCS.

The Mayor's Forum was staged on Tuesday 10 September and was officially moderated by Ms Bi Khim Hsiao, member of the Legislative Yuan of Taiwan, representing the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) and Professor Greg Clarke, Chairman, London Stansted Cambridge Consortium, Development Agencies and Investment Strategies Forum OECD LEED and Global Fellow of The Brookings Institution.

The 2013 Summit theme "Reshaping the Urbanomics of Cities – City Challenges, City Solutions" recognized a new era in which our cities must play much more than local service roles, and must become both agents of long term development and platforms for prosperity and sustainability. This calls for other levels of city governments which are able to work for citizens while partnering with business and other levels of government to achieve enduring progress.

The use of the term 'urbanomics' in the theme recognises the functioning realities of cities as metropolitan economies, eco-systems, social and cultural spaces, generators of innovation, and clusters of institutions, infrastructures, and identities. Within this Summit and the 2013APCS Mayors' Forum, the Mayors have discussed key themes that include:

### Global City Challenges and Opportunities –

Current trends create an imperative for city leadership to seek newer, more integrated urban development models that can flourish in today's conditions. The Summit provides a framework for actionable models to successfully tackle the economic challenges of today;

### Green Economy –

Achieve sustainable and resilient cities, the green economy brings innovative thinking which can enrich our local discourse and help us to rethink urban economies that can thrive. The Mayors at 2013APCS recognised the need to integrate ecological principles with innovation led urban systems; and Smart, Bold and Breakthrough Leadership - Reshaping competitiveness and providing solutions to challenges in the context of international competition and financial austerity is a major concern for many cities.



The Mayors at 2013APCS discussed smart and ambitious governance strategies for today's urban needs, and prioritizing the core issues to maximize use of limited assets, achieve positive growth and employment and develop distinctive industries. Discussion also focused on the issues of city leadership within the framework of different governance systems. As the urban century unfolds our expectations of what cities can achieve and contribute rises. At the same time, the resources and authorities available to cities must be negotiated with other levels of government. This calls for cities to lead the relationship with other levels of government, in order to support a new fabric of governance where cities and their regions are empowered and supported through better integrated institutions, planning, policies, management, and investment. The Mayors' Accord was officially announced and signed by all participating Mayors during the official closing ceremony on 11th September 2013.



## **2013APCS Mayors' Accord, Kaohsiung**

We, the undersigned Mayors and Heads of Delegations, attended the Mayors' Forum of the 9th Asia Pacific Cities Summit in Kaohsiung, Taiwan's New Global City, in September 2013. We were inspired and encouraged by our host city, Kaohsiung, and its leadership. This built upon the great advancements made at past Summits and Mayors' Forums in Brisbane, Seattle, Chongqing and Incheon. The Mayors' Forum provided the opportunity to exchange knowledge, develop solutions for shared issues and formulate a Mayors' Accord. The participants focussed on the ingredients required for city success within the framework of increased global imperatives and local governance systems. Our specific agreed Summit principles for the future are;

### **1. Better Managed City Systems and Systems of Cities –**

We will build effective dialogue with different levels of government. Cities require that all levels of government work together to build a new framework for effective collaborative governance, where policies and resources are aligned with the drivers and geographies of successful cities. We seek to ensure that resources flow effectively into local governance, and there is balance, effectiveness and shared governance with clear mechanisms for Mayors to dialogue with, and influence the policies of different levels of governments affecting city development and their environment and cultural well-being.

### **2. Positive Planning for Environment Challenges –**

We recognise our shared commitment to enhancing the environmental performance of our cities and to the responsibility for safeguarding environmental assets. We aspire to cities across the region working together to support each other in relation to environmental challenges. In particular we propose the sharing of information and good practices in terms of:

- i. Early warnings of threats and potential disasters;
- ii. Means to achieve disaster prevention and resilience; and
- iii. Effective disaster management, recovery and stabilisation.

### 3. Business Friendly and Attractive Cities –

We acknowledge the need for cities to remain competitive and attractive to citizens and business. This can only be shaped by active city leaders and we agree to share learnings on long term place-making techniques that enable adaptation and ensure quality.

### 4. City-Corporate Partnerships –

We believe 'Smart Cities', 'Future Cities', and 'Urban Excellence' initiatives provide great potential for deepened relationships between cities and business. It supports experimentation and innovation to drive new solutions to common challenges. We agree to share lessons on how to work in partnership with business and benefit our cities.

### 5. Culture, Media, and Creativity –

We see successful cities as places where arts and culture is celebrated, and where the production houses and factories of cultural and digital content reside. Cities play a unique and important role in these cultural industries and they often appear in film, TV, and other forms of content as part of the narrative of modern life in an urban setting. We agree to work together to enhance the role of culture, creative, and digital media industries and to embrace regional celebrations of Asia Pacific cultural content such as the Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA), and other cultural events and celebrations in the region.

### 6. Future Generations of City Leaders –

We will work together to embrace and support our leaders of the future, through growth of the 2013APCS Young Professionals' Program. We will also work together to promote the honourable work of city leaders and to motivate attraction and retention of talented people into city leadership roles.

## List of 2013 Accord Signatories

#### Oceania

Cr Graham QUIRK, Lord Mayor of Brisbane  
Cr Stephen YARWOOD, Mayor of Adelaide  
Mr Ken YEUNG, Councillor for Fairfield Ward  
Mr Charles Sale KIRA, Deputy Mayor of Honiara  
Cr Paul PISASALE, Mayor of Ipswich  
Cr Steve JONES, Mayor of Lockyer Valley  
Cr Vittorio MACRI, Mayor of Marrickville  
Cr Allan SUTHERLAND, Mayor of Moreton Bay  
Cr John HUGH, Councillor for Parramatta  
The Honorable John EHSA, Governor of Pohnpei  
Cr Karen WILLIAMS, Mayor of Redland City

Cr John BRENT, Mayor of Scenic Rim  
Mr Ruoikabuti TIOON, Mayor of South Tarawa  
Mr Chandu UMARIA, Special Administrator of Suva  
Cr Paul ANTONIO, Mayor of Toowoomba  
Dr Kieren KEKE, Mayor of Yaren

#### Eastern Asia

Mr Byung Kwon KIM, Deputy Mayor of Daejeon  
Mr Ohm Song JUN, Deputy Mayor of Incheon  
Ms Chu CHEN, Mayor of Kaohsiung  
Mr Yu Chin WU, Vice Magistrate of Kin Men  
Mr Chi Hung TSAO, Governor of Pingtung

## List of 2013 Accord Signatories (continued)

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Mr Chih Yang WU, Mayor of Taoyuan  
Mr Qing Der LAI, Mayor of Tainan  
He Hai-Lin YIN, Deputy Mayor of Tianjin  
Mr Qin XU, Mayor of Shenzhen  
Mr Kuo Jung HUANG, Deputy Mayor of Taichung  
Mr Tsung Hsien LIN, Governor of Yilan

### South East Asia

Mr Michael RAMA, Mayor of Cebu  
Mr Tjahaja Purnama BASUKI, Regent of East Belitung  
Mr Benjamin ABALOS JR, Mayor of Mandaluyong  
Mr Yositaka ADACHI, Governor of Koror  
Mr Guan Eng LIM, Chief Minister of Penang  
Ms Maimunah Sharif MOHD, President of  
Seberang Perai  
Mr H.Rycko MENOZA, Regent of South Lampung  
Dr Ho Pin TEO, Mayor of North West Singapore

### The Americas

Mr Bradley DARELL, Mayor of Belize  
Ms Shirley LEWIS, Mayor of Castries  
Ms Ember Lee SHINN, Deputy Mayor of Honolulu  
Mr Mark STODOLA, Mayor of Little Rock  
Mr Stephen BAUXBAUM, Mayor of Olympia  
Mr Stephen John DESROCHES, Deputy Mayor of Ottawa  
Mr Darryl SMITH, Deputy Mayor of Seattle  
Mr Kerry JANG, Deputy Mayor of Vancouver

### South Central Asia

Mr Aryal LAXMAN, Mayor of Kathmandu  
Mr Maizan Ali MANIKU, Mayor of Male

### Europe

Mr Ibon ARESO, First Deputy Mayor of Bilbao

### Participated in Mayors' Forum only:

Unhyeon BAEK, Vice Mayor, Busan, Oscar G. MALAPITAN, Mayor, Caloocan, Tien Fu LIN, Deputy Magistrate, Changhua, Ahamed Jamaldeen Mohamed MUZAMMIL, Mayor, Colombo, Yu Chin WU, Vice Magistrate, Kinmen, Ken LIVINGSTONE, Former Mayor, London, Russell LUTTON, Deputy Mayor, Logan, Sarita CHOUDHARY, Mayor, South Delhi, Mark JAMIESON, Mayor, Sunshine Coast, Hai Lin YIN, Deputy Mayor, Tianjin.

### Other participating Cities in Summit only:

Amman, Auckland, Bandar Seribegawan, Bordeaux, Changhua, Chiayi, Colombo, Fuzhou, Guam, Hachioji, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh, Hyderabad, Kobe, Koror, Kuala Lumpur, Kumamoto, Lampung, Logan, Mandaluyong, Marrickville, Maui County, Mino, Mount Kungang, New Taipei, Pohnpei, Portland, Rizhao, South Delh, South East Sulawesi, South Lampung, South Tarawa, Suva, Taipei, Taitung, Taoyuan, Tulsa, Vienna, Xiamen, Yaren.







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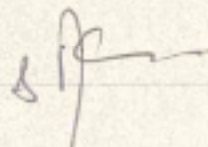
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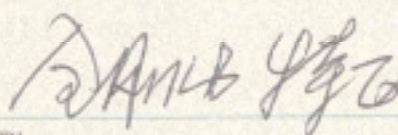
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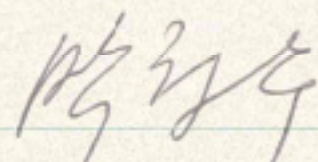
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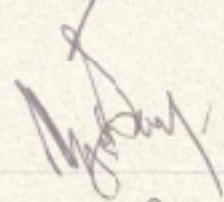
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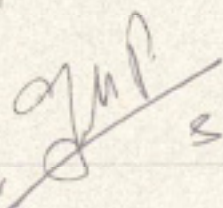
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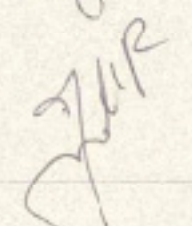
  
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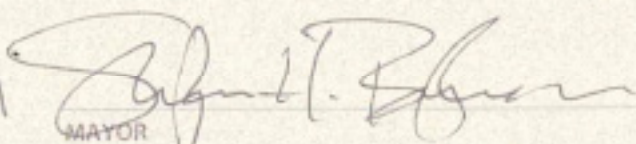
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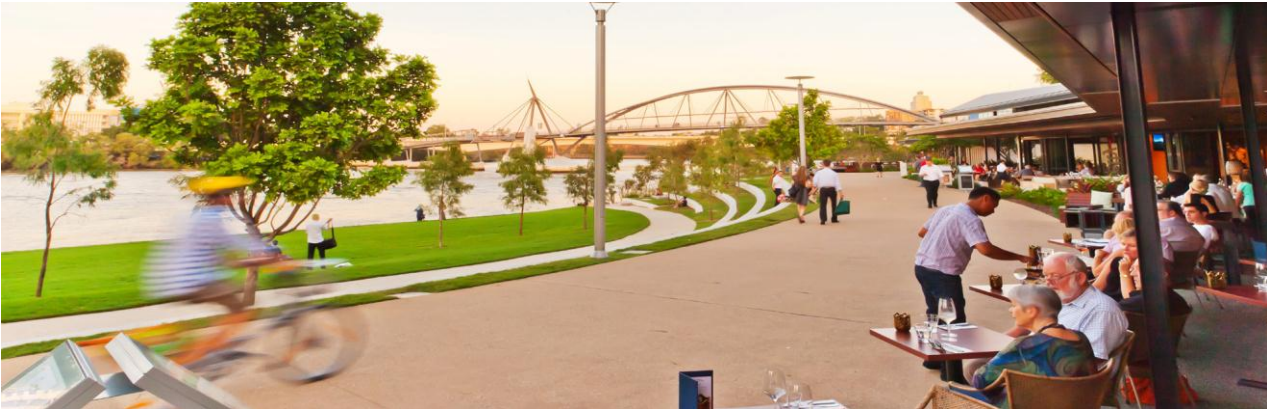
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## The City Solutions e-Library (World Bank UKP)

The City Solutions e-Library, developed in conjunction with the World Bank's Urbanization Knowledge Partnership (UrbKP), is a direct outcome from the 2011APCS Mayors' Forum. It is designed to maintain a dialogue between equals through the exchange of knowledge, as cities have a natural propensity to share experiences as they engage with agility and ease. In partnership, New York City Global Partners has generously contributed best practice reports from the NYC Innovation Exchange. The e-Library is a digital repository of urban solutions for cities to learn and share innovative policies, programs and knowledge. It aggregates existing case studies, urban policy, best practice reports, and other relevant papers to develop a comprehensive knowledge base, bringing together international cities to exchange innovative policies and programs. Central to this is extending the dialogue from the 2013APCS Mayor's Forum.

<https://solutions.urbanknowledge.org>



The City of Brisbane will host the 2015 Asia Pacific Cities Summit on 6 - 8 July 2013. This will mark the tenth occasion where the cities of the Asia Pacific and beyond will gather for this forum. The Summit will bring together urban leaders of government and enterprise to exchange shared solutions for managing cities and urban development and providing a platform to deliver long-term economic prosperity for cities and businesses seeking trade and investment opportunities in the region and beyond. For more information email the APCS Secretariat at [apcs@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:apcs@brisbane.qld.gov.au)