

2024 has been a fruitful year for Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC).

I am happy to share that the 9th edition of our flagship event, the World Cities Summit (WCS), held in June this year, was a resounding success. About 3,500 delegates, including country and city leaders from close to 100 cities, convened in Singapore to participate in an expanded conference programme curated by CLC in close partnership with Singapore government agencies, international organisations like the UNDP and C40, and a range of industry players.

WCS this year saw the launch of a new global City Network for the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize. This Network brings together city leaders, urban governance departments, and knowledge organisations to collectively address how our cities can be liveable, sustainable and resilient in the face of present and future urban challenges. The seven Laureate cities of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize have joined as founding members, and CLC is engaging Special Mention cities and nominated knowledge organisations to join the network as well. Additionally, we inked several Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) during the Summit, cementing future collaborations in research and capability development with cities, and other partners.

Cities around the world face common challenges – climate and environmental, socio-economic, and financial stresses, disruptions and constraints. CLC is in a unique position to motivate, facilitate, and draw inspiration from our counterpart cities in a continuing flow of knowledge exchanges.

CLC has continued to fulfil in our mandate to share knowledge, enable peer learning and expedite solutioning with stakeholders and partners via:

### Research initiatives and collaborations

A good number of research publications have come to fruition. The Liveability Framework has been relaunched with a more comprehensive understanding of how to liveability outcomes for cities since its first edition a decade ago. Two other publications on regenerative cities and the future of Central Business Districts (CBDs) were the result of collaborative studies between CLC and notable industry partners Ramboll and Arup. Beyond publications, CLC's research team organised a slew of research initiatives, such as the Social Behavioural Science Community of Practice (COP), and roundtable discussions with the Seoul Institute and National Development and Reform Commission (China).

### Capacity development

CLC continued to run our signature training programmes, developing future-ready capabilities in urban governance for global cities and for our own public sector leaders. CLC is honoured to have hosted senior officials from China, Indonesia, North Macedonia, Uganda, Tanzania, and Pacific Island Forum states. The latter participated in the inaugural Singapore–Pacific Resilience and Knowledge Sharing Package held just a week before WCS 2024. Locally, we celebrated the 100th run of the City EXCEL programme which has benefitted over 2,700 participants in the Singapore public service.

Finally, I am pleased to share CLC's participation in the global conversation on cities in 2024. In October, the CLC-led Dementia Friendly Neighbourhood Project received the Horizon Shaper Award at the inaugural Bay Awards in Bilbao. This project was shortlisted from over 100 international potentials across five continents. Last month, CLC curated the Cities Thematic Day under the Singapore Pavilion, at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan. Stakeholders from across sectors and cities came together across three panels to discuss key topics to strengthen multi-level climate action and build liveable cities of the future. CLC was also represented at the World Urban Forum hosted by Cairo, and the U20 summit hosted by Rio De Janeiro.

My colleagues at CLC and I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all our partners who have worked closely with us throughout the year to deliver quality programmes and meaningful research projects for the benefit of our cities and communities.

A blessed Christmas and very Happy New Year to all!

**Hugh Lim**

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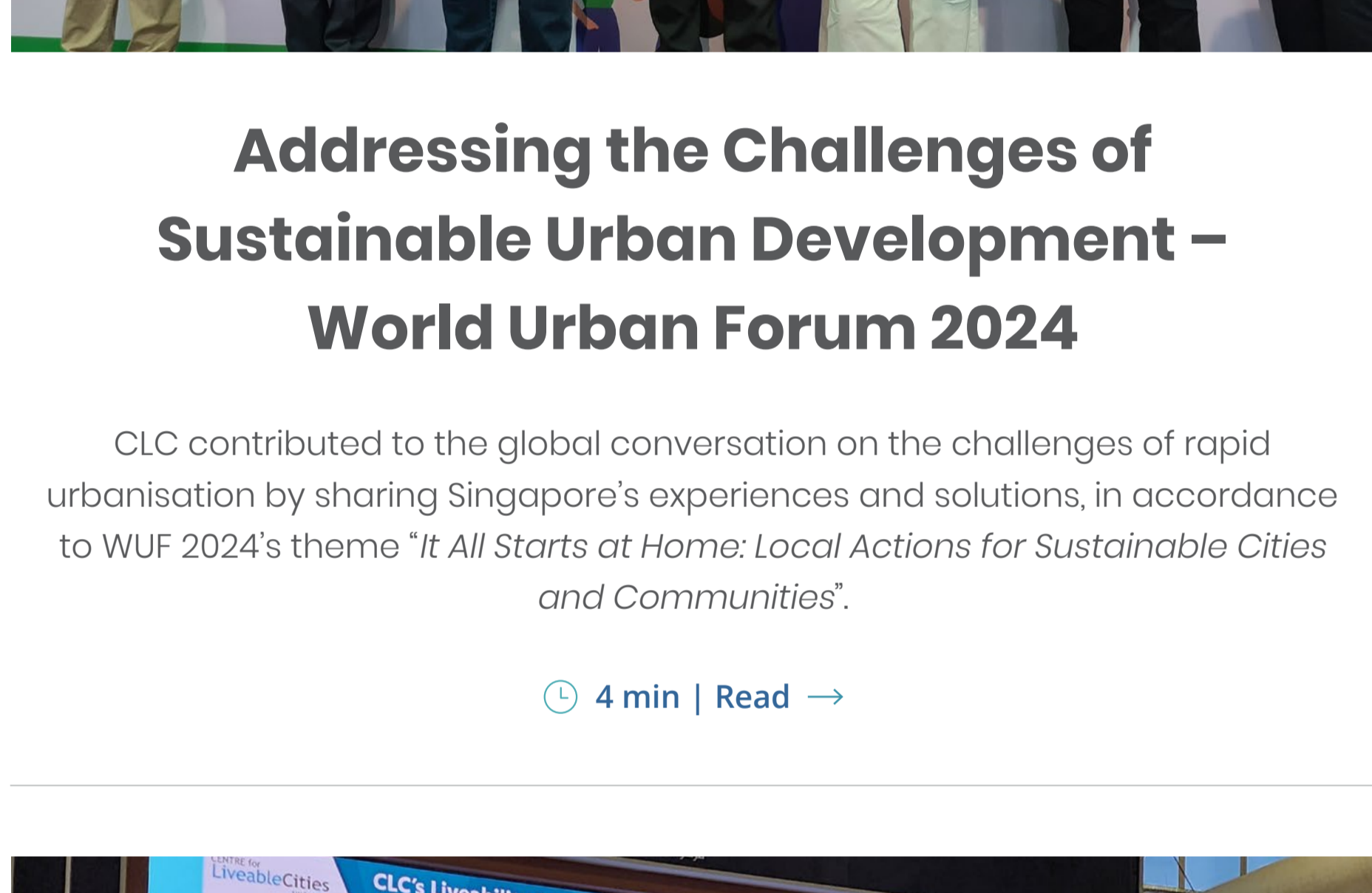
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## Strengthening Partnerships for Climate Action and Liveable Cities – Cities Day at COP29 Singapore Pavilion

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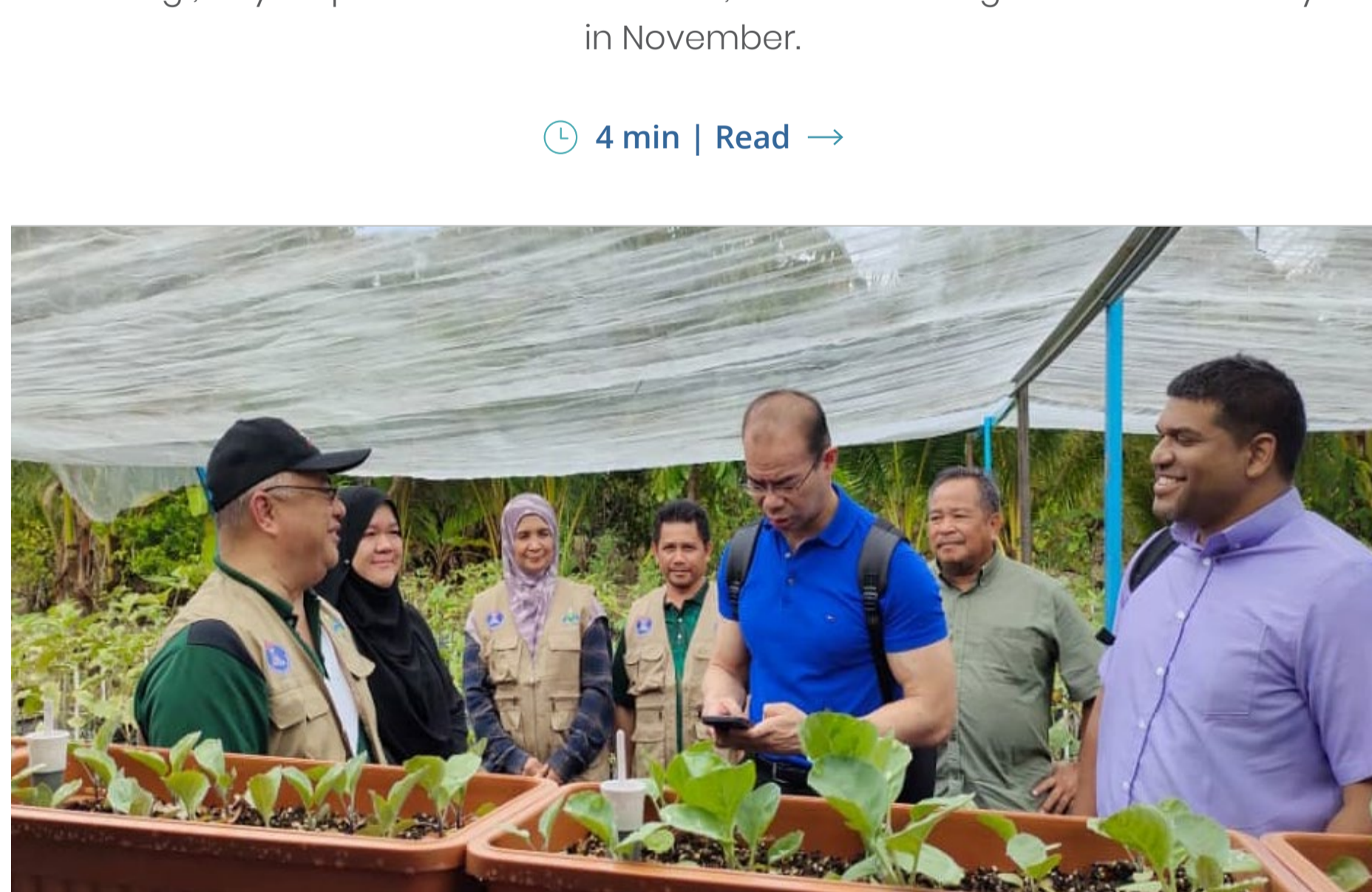
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## Addressing the Challenges of Sustainable Urban Development – World Urban Forum 2024

CLC contributed to the global conversation on the challenges of rapid urbanisation by sharing Singapore's experiences and solutions, in accordance to WUF 2024's theme "It All Starts at Home: Local Actions for Sustainable Cities and Communities".

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## A Science of Cities Approach to Building Best Cities – Cityscape Global 2024

CLC's research director Dr Hee Limin spoke about "How to Build the Best City on Earth" at Cityscape Global 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Themed "The Future of Living", Cityscape Global 2024 drew 17,000 attendees gathered over 4 days in November.

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## Fostering Urban Innovation: Insights from Kuching North's Community Transformation

Kuching North's groundbreaking initiatives, from community farming to participatory design, are excellent examples of urban innovation and inclusivity. Impactful collaborations and valuable lessons are also highlighted in the city's journey toward a sustainable future.

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## Multi-Stakeholder Roundtable on "Enabling Future Liveable Towns and Districts"

Representatives from Seoul, Barcelona and Singapore convened in a Roundtable to discuss how cities can create more liveable urban towns and districts that are self-sufficient, well-connected and resilient, with the use of smart technologies, tools and approaches.

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## Urban Solutions

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## Navigating the Future of Port Cities

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore's (MPA) Chief Knowledge Officer and Dean of the MPA Academy, Tan Suan Jow, delves into the details of how the world's port cities continue to innovate to ensure adaptability, sustainability and climate resilience.

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