

New York City and environmental biotechnologist receive Lee Kuan Yew Prize Awards



Professor Mark van Loosdrecht (L) and the Honourable Adrian Benepe, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, New York City (R), receive Lee Kuan Yew Prize Awards from Mr Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister & Coordinating Minister for National Security & Minister for Home Affairs, at an award ceremony held tonight

SINGAPORE, 2 JULY 2012 – Laureates of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize took the stage tonight at the Lee Kuan Yew Awards Ceremony & Banquet, held during the World Cities Summit, CleanEnviro Summit Singapore, and Singapore International Water Week. The awards honour outstanding contributions towards addressing global water and urban planning challenges. The ceremony was graced by Guest of Honour, Mr Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister & Coordinating Minister for National Security, & Minister for Home Affairs, Singapore.

The Honourable Adrian Benepe, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, New York City, United States, received the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize on behalf of Mayor Michael Bloomberg for New York City's remarkable transformation after September 11. The biennial Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize honours outstanding contributions towards the creation of vibrant, liveable and sustainable urban communities around the world. The City of New York is the second Laureate named since the Prize started in 2009.

Dutch environmental biotechnologist, Prof Mark van Loosdrecht, is awarded the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2012 for introducing a paradigm shift in the understanding of the used water treatment process and for his significant contributions in creating sustainable solutions in the field of used water treatment. Chosen from over 61 nominations received from across 25 countries, Prof van Loosdrecht is the fifth recipient of the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize.

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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 contributions towards the creation of vibrant, liveable and sustainable urban communities around the world. It recognises individuals and organisations responsible for urban initiatives that display foresight, good governance or innovation in tackling the many urban challenges faced by cities. These urban initiatives can include (but are not limited to) urban planning projects, urban policies and programmes, urban management, as well as applied technology in urban solutions. The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureate will be presented with an award certificate, a gold medallion and a cash prize of S\$300,000 (about US\$218,000), sponsored by Keppel Corporation.

About the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize

Launched in 2008 to honour outstanding contributions by individuals or organisations towards solving the world's water problems by applying innovative technologies or implementing policies and programmes which benefit humanity, the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize is the highlight of the Singapore International Week. Named after Singapore's first Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize comes with a cash prize of SGD300,000, an award certificate and a gold medallion. The award is solely sponsored by the Singapore Millennium Foundation, a philanthropic body supported by Temasek Holdings.

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