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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **Tackling Urbanisation Challenges in Southeast Asia**

The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the ASEAN Studies Centre (ASC) at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) are organising an Expert Panel Session titled “*Cities in Southeast Asia: Challenges & Opportunities in the Age of Globalisation*” at the World Cities Summit 2010 in Singapore on 30 June 2010, 4.00pm. The session highlights ongoing regional discussions on the role of cities in responding to globalisation challenges, particularly in harnessing the energy of urbanisation.

2 The Expert Panel Session (EPS) has the participation of mayors and planners from key cities and towns in Southeast Asia. The EPS is also part of the mayoral programme for Southeast Asian mayors at the World Cities Summit. The EPS will share insights and findings from the regional workshop series on urbanisation in Southeast Asia, initiated by the CLC and ASC in December 2009. Two workshops were held in December 2009 and March 2010, with the third workshop scheduled for 1 July 2010 as a follow-up to the EPS.

3 Recommendations from the workshops will be shared at the EPS, for comments and further inputs from Southeast Asian mayors. The EPS comprises panelists from city administrations of Bangkok, Jakarta and Kuching North, as well as participation by city leaders from 17 other cities in the region.

4 Following the World Cities Summit, CLC and ASC will publish a report on Urbanisation in Southeast Asian Countries for circulation at relevant high-level ASEAN meetings. This is to raise greater awareness in ASEAN policy communities of the cross-cutting nature of urbanisation and its challenges as the ten ASEAN member states move closer towards regional integration – especially economic integration – by 2015.

5 Recognising the diversity among countries of the region, the report will identify shared concerns for collective action, highlighting practical recommendations for policymakers.

## **NOTE FOR EDITORS**

### **Centre for Liveable Cities**

The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) was jointly established by the Ministry of National Development and the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources in June 2008. The CLC is a policy-oriented Centre that seeks to bring together Singapore's expertise on sustainable urban development in the areas of good governance, urban planning, effective resource management, quality living environment, affordable housing and sustainable transport solutions from across government, industry and academia. The Centre will facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practices among cities in the region and globally.

The CLC's vision is to be a centre of global excellence that brings together the best ideas and practices that support efforts in building liveable cities that are dynamic, vibrant, cohesive and sustainable. CLC seeks to achieve this vision through its mission which is to harness developmental experiences across the public, private and people sectors from Singapore and the rest of the world in order to position Singapore as an innovative thought-centre on high-density urban living and sustainable development.

For more information, please visit us at [www.clc.org.sg](http://www.clc.org.sg)

### **About ASEAN Studies Centre**

The ASEAN Studies Centre at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies devotes its work to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as an institution and a process. Through its studies and policy-relevant research the Centre seeks to be the focal point for ASEAN matters, offering intellectual support to the ASEAN member states, the ASEAN Secretariat, business communities, non-governmental organisations, academic institutions and the general public.

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