

**Lee Kuan Yew Water and World City Prize 2010
Award Ceremony & Banquet**

Singapore, June 29, 2010 – Singapore’s Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew presented the prestigious Lee Kuan Yew Water and World City Prizes to the 2010 laureates this evening. At the event, Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew also held a dialogue session with some 700 global leaders and policy makers, business leaders, industry experts and academia, who are in Singapore for the Singapore International Water Week and World Cities Summit.



Image 1: *Professor Kishore Mahbubani, Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew at the dialogue session*

For its outstanding accomplishments in integrated river basin management along China’s second longest river, the Yellow River Conservancy Commission (YRCC) was awarded the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize, and is Asia’s first recipient of the prize since it was launched in 2008. YRCC’s innovative policies and solutions have brought about widespread and

sustainable social, economic and environment benefits to over 100 million people. In just 10 years, the remarkable transformation of Yellow River by YRCC has restored extensive areas of wetlands and biodiversity, and protected some 90 million people from devastating floods.

The inaugural Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize was awarded to Bilbao City Hall in recognition of its integrated and holistic approach in urban transformation. From a post-industrial city, Bilbao was transformed into a vibrant metropolis through a chronological and systematic order of development over 25 years. The establishment of Bilbao Ria 2000 is also testimony to the city's visionary leadership, commitment to long-term planning, strong processes and supporting infrastructure. Bilbao is an exemplary city that continually re-invents and evolves itself amidst dynamic changes, which will serve as an inspiration to cities worldwide. The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize is fully sponsored by Keppel Corporation.



Image 2: Minister Mentor with Lee Kuan Yew Water and World City Prize 2010 laureates (left: Mr Li Guoying, Commissioner of YRCC, right: Mayor of Bilbao, Dr Iñaki Azkuna)

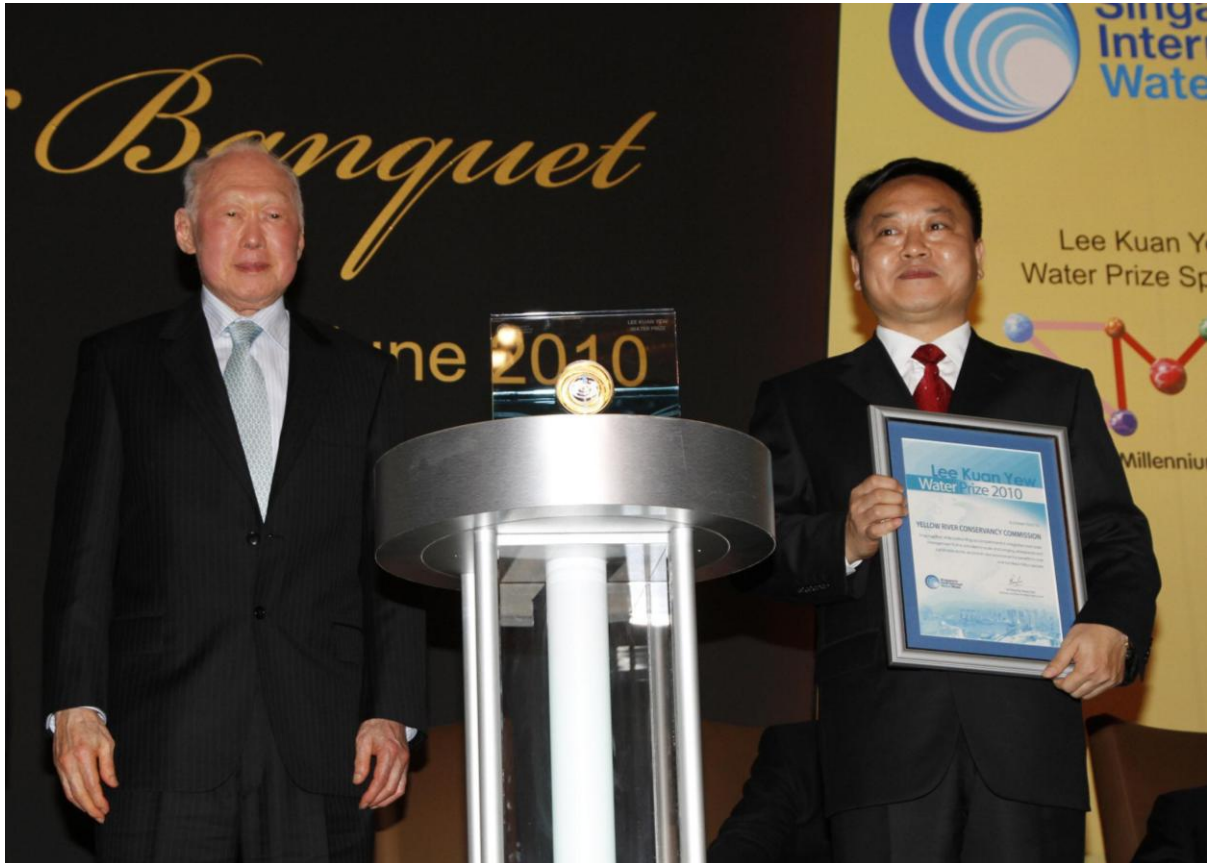


Image 3: Mr Li Guoying, Commissioner of YRCC, receiving the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize 2010, solely sponsored by the Singapore Millennium Foundation



Image 4: Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureate, Mayor of Bilbao, Dr Iñaki Azkuna, receiving the prize for Bilbao City Hall

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