



## **IDC Names the 17 Outstanding Smart City Projects for the 5th Annual 2019 Smart City Asia/Pacific\* Awards**

**SINGAPORE, July 09<sup>th</sup>, 2019** – IDC Asia/Pacific named today the 17 most outstanding smart city projects in Asia Pacific\* across 12 functional categories for the 2019 IDC Smart City Asia Pacific Awards (SCAPA). Taiwan, China and New Zealand are the biggest winners with four, three and three awards won respectively. Other winning countries include Australia, South Korea, Malaysia, and Singapore.

IDC's Smart City Asia Pacific Awards, or SCAPA, is now on its fifth year of recognizing deserving private or public organizations that IDC and publicist citizens deemed to have excelled across the 12 Smart City functional eService categories using IDC's Smart City Development Index framework. Since 2015, some of the annual contenders for these awards include Government Technology Agency of Singapore, Taipei City Government, and Various City Governments of the People's Republic of China (e.g. Shenzhen, Shanghai, Beijing), Digital Economy Promotion Agency (Thailand); Various City Governments of South Korea (Incheon, Daejeon, Busan); New South Wales Government (Australia); and Various City Governments of New Zealand (Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington).

"We've seen a surge in cutting-edge Future City projects being deployed across first-tier cities in developed economies. This signals a strong turnaround and commitment by advanced Asia Pacific governments to create the best **'live, learn, work and play' digital ecosystems,**" analyzed [Gerald Wang](#), Associate Director, Head of IDC Government Insights and IDC Health Insights Asia Pacific. "Smart City spending globally is expected to reach US\$189.5 billion by 2023 [as of June 2019], with the upwards spending growth in transportation, public safety, utilities, and education-related projects reflected strongly in almost half of the entries received in these categories."

These are the Asia/Pacific winners of the 2019 IDC Smart City Asia/Pacific Awards, and the outstanding smart city initiatives that distinguished them:

1. Buried Pipe Management System by **SmartCity Division (Daegu Urban Corporation)** (*Daegu Metropolitan City, South Korea*) named **Top Smart City Project for Administration.**
2. Virtual Wellington by **Wellington City Council** (*New Zealand*) named **Top Smart City Project for Civic Engagement.**

3. Civic Participation Initiative for Taoyuan Citizen Card Application Expansion by **Taoyuan City Government** (*Taiwan*) named **Top Smart City Project for Digital Equity and Accessibility**.
4. Singapore Tourism Analytics Network by **Singapore Tourism Board (STB)** (*Singapore*) named **Top Smart City Project for Economic Development, Tourism, Arts, Libraries, Culture, Open Spaces**.
5. Will Digital Teacher by **Vector Limited** (*New Zealand*) named **Top Smart City Project for Education** category tied with Taipei City Government's Cross Learning Barriers: Omni Smart Education (*Taiwan*).
6. Crossing Learning Barriers: Omni Smart Education by **Taipei City Government** (*Taiwan*) named **Top Smart City Project for Education** category tied with Vector Limited's Will Digital Teacher (*New Zealand*).
7. Intelligent Disease Prediction Project by **Provincial/ Municipal Healthcare Administration Departments** (*China*) named **Top Smart City Project for Public Health and Social Services**.
8. Integrated Emergency Data Platform – Integrated Emergency Data Platform – An AIoT Application in All-Hazards Early Warning and Decision Supporting System by **New Taipei City Government** (*Taiwan*) named **Top Smart City Project for Public Safety – Disaster Response/ Emergency Management**.
9. Wujiang Broadband Trunking Government Network by **Suzhou Wujiang Public Security Bureau** (*China*) named **Top Smart City Project for Public Safety – Smart Policing** category tied with Immigration and Checkpoint Authority of Singapore's National Digital Identity Facial Biometric System (*Singapore*).
10. National Digital Identity Facial Biometric System by **Immigration and Checkpoint Authority of Singapore** (*Singapore*) named **Top Smart City Project for Public Safety – Smart Policing** category tied with Suzhou Wujiang Public Security Bureau's Wujiang Broadband Trunking Government Network (*China*).
11. Forest City Smart B.I.A by **Country Garden Pacificview** (*Johor, Malaysia*) named **Top Smart City Project for Smart Buildings**.
12. Smart Water Project - Busan Eco Delta Smart City by **Smart City Promotion Division, Busan City Government** (*Busan Metropolitan City, South Korea*) named **Top Smart City Project for Smart Water**.
13. Madden Street - NZ Smartest Street by **Auckland Council/Auckland Transport** (*Auckland, New Zealand*) named **Top Smart City Project for Sustainable Infrastructure**.

14. Shenzhen Appointment-based Traveling Project by **Traffic Police Department of Shenzhen Public Security Bureau (China)** named **Top Smart City Project for Transportation – Connected & Autonomous Vehicles, Public Transit, Ride-Hailing/ Ride-Sharing** category tied with City of Newcastle’s Smart Moves Newcastle - Mobility Projects (*New South Wales, Australia*).

15. Smart Moves Newcastle - Mobility Projects by **City of Newcastle (New South Wales, Australia)** named **Top Smart City Project for Transportation – Connected & Autonomous Vehicles, Public Transit, Ride-Hailing/ Ride-Sharing** category tied with Traffic Police Department of Shenzhen Public Security Bureau’s Shenzhen Appointment-based Travelling Project (*China*).

16. Transportation 2.0 - AI Driven Transportation Management by **Department of IT, Taipei City Government (Taiwan)** named **Top Smart City Project for Transportation – Transport Infrastructure**.

17. Hunter Innovation Project - Smart City Infrastructure by **City of Newcastle (Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia)** named **Top Smart City Project for Urban Planning and Land Use**.

The Asia/Pacific winners are decided based on IDC analysts’ benchmarking, public voting, and judging from an International Advisory Council. This year’s regional winners will be pitted against the other regional winners in IDC’s smart city competitions around the world for the opportunity to be named the global IDC smart city champion for one of 12 categories.

For more information about this year’s winners and IDC’s Smart City Asia/Pacific Awards, visit [www.idc.com/ap/smartcities](http://www.idc.com/ap/smartcities). IDC Government Insights advises Governments on how to leverage technology to realign government services with the needs and expectations of citizens, to enhance service delivery, drive new revenue streams, and spur economic development. To learn more about IDC’s Smart Cities Strategies Program and research, visit [www.idc-gi.com](http://www.idc-gi.com)

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