



Smart Cities Ho Chi Minh City

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Join us for a session on Ho Chi Minh City. Find out why this City is one of the smartest on the Globe. From smart transportation, smart water, smart health, to smart telecommunications.

Ho Chi Minh City's smart-city moment: AI ambition, metropolitan scale and the ASEAN urban agenda

Ho Chi Minh City is entering a new phase of its smart-city development. The city is now linking its smart urban agenda to AI, digital government, data governance, innovation districts, urban rail, green mobility and its wider role as Vietnam's largest economic platform. This talk will use Ho Chi Minh City as a case study in the next generation of Southeast Asian smart-city development: how fast-growing metropolitan cities move from ambition to implementation while dealing simultaneously with infrastructure pressure, climate risk, digital transformation, regional competition and the governance demand of scale. I will also connect HCMC's trajectory to the ASEAN Smart Cities Network, in which the city was one of the original 26 pilot cities.



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Mr. Thomas is an entrepreneur and smart cities expert. He specializes in smart city development focusing on urban mobility, city digitization strategy, new technology utilization and climate tech. He's passionate about using technology to better address urban climate challenges, build greater economic opportunities and boost citizen engagement. He is a regular international speaker and media commentator on these issues. Mark founded the advisory services business Serviceworks. He was also an elected member of Australasia's largest local authority and the one of the world's most livable city, Auckland New Zealand, for six years. He received the Leadership Award for Outstanding Contribution towards building Smart Cities, the Asia Smart Cities Excellence Award, and has been part of the Top 50 Most Impactful Smart Cities Leaders. He is an experienced director and has held governance roles across a range of private, public and not-for-profit organizations.

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