



**MR CHIH-CHIEN LIN**

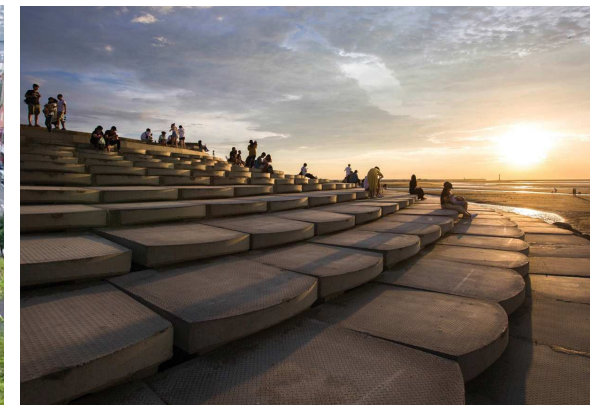
Mayor  
Hsinchu City Government  
Taiwan

With strong political will, determination and personal commitments, in just 4 years, Mayor Chih-Chien Lin transformed the urban landscape of Hsinchu City with an interdisciplinary, inter-departmental and holistic approach. He pioneered the Major Works Committee to allow design professionals to guide his government, enabling him to make effective decisions thus successfully leading his office and citizens in shaping a sustainable vision for Hsinchu.

From rejuvenating the historical city center, to re-creating a human-scaled environment, linking the green corridors and the blue infrastructure, re-organizing the transportation hierarchy and networks, increasing public parks and open spaces, and improving universal accessibility, Lin made significant impacts throughout the lifecycle for urban landscape projects. Not only did he influence his team to rethink design approaches, he also established a committed environment to support design professionals, promoted discussions to educate and communicate with stakeholders involved in project delivery, and elevated the construction quality through procurement strategy. Most significantly, Lin instigated a first-of-its-kind collaboration among the public institutions, design and construction industry, and citizens, which fostered a culture where everyone takes pride in creating an ecological, social, economic and culturally sustaining city of tomorrow.

Under Lin's leadership, 12 projects won the FIABCI Taiwan Real Estate Excellence Awards in 2018, the most prestigious excellence awards for construction, and Lin was recognized by the jury with a Special Contribution Award for his outstanding achievements. More recently, 7 of Hsinchu's public works won the annual Taiwan Landscape Awards and Hsinchu City Government received a special Urban Landscape Award in recognition of the city's efforts in implementing excellent landscape design.

It is evident that Lin is building a better place as Hsinchu is ranked number 1 among 22 cities in the national Well-Being Index by the Economic Daily for 3 consecutive years since he took office.



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It is heartening to see a politician driving the transformation of the urban landscape of a city. Mr Lin has been instrumental in making changes to the city and the lives of people; from strategic level involvement to on-the-ground frequent engagement, he has demonstrated this with concrete examples of building social and environmental resilience. He is a keen and committed promoter of the restoration of natural water systems including coastal management. The many examples of his work illustrate effort, leadership and sincere engagement with people; they also demonstrate his strong political will, determination and personal commitment in pushing for an interdisciplinary and holistic approach to change. It is inspiring to learn that his passion and commitment to the environment and to his people through the realisation of projects have created a cultural change in people to believe in good governance and care about public space.

Mayor Lin is deserving of this Luminary Award because of his demonstrated commitment and sincere engagement with his people and different professions to realise projects that deliver hope and promise to people and the environment.