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Review

"In Green Urbanism in Asia, Newman and Matan have produced an impressive tour de force -- the first study of its kind to document and analyze the emerging green urban trends, amazing projects and wonderful stories of innovation found in Asian cities. Thoroughly researched and with remarkable detail, this path-breaking study will be the essential starting point and standard reference for years to come for anyone interested in understanding this fast-urbanizing part of the world. Newman and Matan show us what is possible, that there are compelling models for effectively integrating nature, sustainability and quality of life. These emerging green Asian tigers, so eloquently described and celebrated by Newman and Matan, point the way for cities around the world, and offer hopeful and inspiring antidotes to the sense of global gloom that often prevails." --Dr Timothy Beatley, Teresa Heinz Professor of Sustainable Communities, and Chair, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, University of Virginia

"Asian urbanism is THE story of the 21st century world-system: never before in history have we seen the speed, scale, and complexity of urbanisation that we are witnessing today across the whole Asian continent and island archipelagos. To date green urbanism is an oxymoron but this book promises to be part of a new wave of innovations of ideas, policy regimes, and practices that can change from an empty slogan of property developers flogging gated communities to transforming all our cities into liveable and sustainable ecosystems. We had better hope so for the long-term welfare of our world as a whole is now in the hands of this generation of Asian cities and their makers! This book is therefore not only timely but necessary. It is a handbook for students and practitioners of the urban alike. Let us all get working, book in hand!" --Dr Trevor Hogan, Deputy Director, Thesis Eleven Centre for Cultural Sociology, and Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, La Trobe University, Australia

"This book is in a class of its own. It shows that Asia is in the forefront. Most new breakthroughs take place here, populations ask for it, and politicians respond. The book takes the jump from telling that we should green our cities to demonstrate how it can be done. That is the core of the book: How to do it." --Prof Joergen O Moeller, Visiting Senior Research Fellow at Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, and Adjunct Professor at Singapore Management University and Copenhagen Business School

From the Inside Flap

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