

2023 GO SMART Day livestreaming smart cities experience globally and enhancing international collaboration in prospect.

GO SMART Day, the annual celebration of GO SMART (Global organization of smart cities), with two sessions of general assembly and award ceremony, is always held during the Smart City Summit & Expo (SCSE) Taipei. This year, GO SMART Day 2023 was successfully concluded on March 29 at the PLACE Taipei. We conducted the General Assembly through online broadcasting in the afternoon, and the physical Award Ceremony with more than 100 guests attending the reception in the evening. Taipei City Mayor Chiang extended his warm welcome to the guests from afar at the opening of the General Assembly and presented the trophies to the five award winners at the ceremony. The event attracted international smart cities experts, operators and stakeholders to interact, share and learn with one another. Indeed, it's a very fruitful gathering.

This is the first time for GO SMART Assembly to be live streamed via virtual and real-time synthesized video conference, which broke the time and space restrictions crossing over the geographic boundary. GO SMART secretariat presented its 2022 annual report highlighting activities, achievements and prospects to the members. And then, based on the special invitation, three world renowned smart cities experts shared their insights on the Smart Cities Trends. “Reorienting Smart Cities” by Ms Callysta Thony from GovTech Edu., Indonesia. “Reinventing Smart Cities” by Dr Bruno Lanvin, IMD, Switzerland. And “Best and Next Practices and Lessons Learned for a Metropole on a Human Scale” from Mr Frans-Anton Vermast, Amsterdam Smart City, Netherlands. The industry members from Slovak, India and Taiwan also introduced their solutions for smart cities applications. City member-Director Katsuya Kanamaru of Fukuoka City, Japan talked about the opportunities and needs generated from their cities development respectively. The gathering of so many global leaders from government, industry and NPOs really inspired our vision

to the smart cities development.

GO SMART has started GO SMART Award since 2019 to recognize the world outstanding smart cities projects. In this fifth term of GO SMART Award 2023, we received 43 projects from 19 cities covering 4 continents or 11 countries. After serious evaluation and interview, five winners were selected: the NewTaiPAY, from Information Management Center, New Taipei City Government providing digital payment tool and carbon footprint counter for net-zero emissions. Through Big Data analytics and IT to conduct digital transformation is from Jabar Digital Service, Indonesia. MeNGo 2.0 from the Transportation Bureau, Kaohsiung City Government, integrating multiple mass transportation services with mobile phones. Air quality monitor system from Environmental Protection Bureau of Taichung City Government combining AI and IoT technologies in air quality control. High risk families early-warning system from Department of Social Welfare of New Taipei City Government using big data and AI to implement potential risk family management and child abuse prevention. These five projects' impacts to the city development and citizens wellbeing are really great and worthwhile for recognition. We appreciate the visiting of Ambassador of Saint Christopher and Nevis, Representatives from Chilean Trade Office, German Trade Office Taipei, Lithuanian Trade Office and New Zealand Commerce and Industry Office as well as Member of Houston City Council, U.S., their attendance and witness really added great value to this award ceremony.

GO SMART was initiated by the Taipei City Government in March 2019 with its mission to build an international smart cities platform engaged in practices learning, knowledge exchanging, resources sharing, partner searching, and consortium forming. We hope to have more members to join with us - together let's move forward to a brighter future, offering smarter cities for our citizens.