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Preface

Within the last two years, several key global agreements for sustainable development have been reached together with a series of the *Shanghai Manual* since its first published at the Expo 2010. In September 2015, the United Nations adopted the *2030 Agenda* and the Sustainable Development Goals, a set of ambitious goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. Its goal number 11 calls to 'make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable'.

One year later in October 2016, the United Nations adopted the *New Urban Agenda*, a global milestone agreement to guide worldwide efforts towards sustainable urbanization. The *New Urban Agenda* was unanimously adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in Quito, Ecuador on 20 October 2016. In December 2016, during the sixty-eighth plenary session of the seventy-first General Assembly, all United Nations Member States endorsed the *New Urban Agenda* and committed to work together towards a paradigm shift in the way we plan, build, and manage our cities.

The implementation of the *New Urban Agenda* is now crucial for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals as well as other global development agreements and frameworks. We believe that the updated version of the *Shanghai Manual* with focus of deep analysis and summary of the urban governance will complement the implementation of the *New Urban Agenda*. How we envisage and share our urban spaces with good urban governance ultimately impacts how we address global challenges, and it is in our cities, towns, andvillages where actions must be prioritized and operationalized.

The *Shanghai Manual* will be updated annually as part of the implementation of the *New Urban Agenda* and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This updated version of the *Shanghai Manual* will be launched to commemorate the one year after the adoption of the *New Urban Agenda* in Quito on World Cities Day, 31 October 2017.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations for the launch of the *Shanghai Manual* 2017 and the team to make this happen. I believe that the Manual will

serve as a useful reference for other cities to realize and materialize the sustainable urbanization with a collection of case studies, experiences and expertise drawn from around the world on how we can create a sustainable urban future together.

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