Driving progress

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104. Professor Cham Tao Soon, the first Singaporean to lead the Land Transport Authority (LTA), was awarded the Transport Thought Leader Award for his contributions to the development of land transport in Singapore.

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The centre has also been instrumental in developing the Academy of Urban Transport Excellence, which provides training and development opportunities for professionals in the transport industry. The Academy has been widely recognised as a leading institution in the field of urban transport.

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