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## Sommario/riassunto

Bringing together a group of international scholars, *Directors of Urban Change in Asia* examines who the 'directors' for urban change are in an eclectic mix of Asian cities. The book discusses how, in the majority of cases, urban change has come about primarily as the result of visionary leaders, on national, regional and local levels. It also makes clear that the less successful cities have tended to lack such leaders.

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