

## THE 12<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SOUTH EAST ASIAN WATER ENVIRONMENT

### HALF-DAY FIELD TRIP TO ECOPARK AND BAT TRANG VILLAGE

**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Planned itinerary includes stops at Ecopark and ends with a walk around Bat Trang Village.

**13:00 Depart from Melia Hotel**

**13:45 Start a tour at Ecopark**

**15:00 Depart from Ecopark to Bat Trang Village**

**15:30 Start a tour at Bat Trang village (shopping, making ceramic pots)**

**17:30 Arrive Melia Hotel**

#### **Ecopark – Bac Hung Hai river**

**Ecopark** is an urban township development on the outskirts of Hanoi. The town located near Bát Tràng village, about 4 km from Thanh Tri Bridge and 13 km from the Old Quarter. With the vision to create harmony between humans and nature, Ecopark brings together modern facilities of international standards in order to create the most enjoyable living environment for its residents<sup>1</sup>. The Park River Project was inspired by the Bac Hung Hai river. This river is the important water source for irrigation and drainage of the peri-urban of Hanoi, Hung Yen and Hai Duong province and has been polluted by untreated wastewater from the city and industries. The Ecopark project was built to revitalized one part of the Bac Hung Hai river that flows along the town. A wastewater treatment plant will be constructed in the next phase of town development.



#### **Bat Trang Village**

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ecopark.com.vn/en/our-township/the-master-plan/our-concept>

Bat Trang, the seven-century old pottery village, is an interesting attraction in Hanoi that tourists should not ignore. Located in an area rich in clay, the village has advantage of ingredients to create fine ceramics. Moreover, lying beside the Red river, between Thang Long and Pho Hien, two ancient trade centers in the north of Vietnam during 15th-17th century, Bat Trang's ceramics were favorite products not only in domestic market, but also foreign ones thanks to Japan, Chinese and Western trading boats that passed by. Visiting Bat Trang, you can take a walk or join a buffalo tour for sightseeing and shopping. Besides many ceramic stores along the road in the village, tourists should visit Bat Trang Porcelain and Pottery Market where they can directly make pottery products by themselves. Many youngsters and foreign tourists are interested in in this pottery- making experience, and spend a whole day in the market to make a gift for family or friends.

