## **Technical Visit Proposal - (1) Hong Kong Wetland Park**

Proposed No. of Visitors : 40

Mode of Transport : by Coach

Proposed Itinerary :



8:30 am Assembly at Middle Road, behind Sheraton Hotel, The Conference Venue

8:45 am Depart for Wetland Park at Tin Shui Wai

9:30 am Arrive at site

10:00 am Briefing10:30 am Site tour

11:45 am Leave for Kowloon12:30 pm End of Technical Visit



Programme Highlight

## Hong Kong's World Class Wetland Park

Hong Kong Wetland Park (HKWP) is the first thematic recreation infrastructure incorporating the functions of education, conservation and ecotourism, using wetlands as the main theme. The 61 ha HKWP demonstrates the diversity of Hong Kong's wetland ecosystem and highlights the need to conserve it. It is truly a world-class wetland ecotourism attraction.

## **About The Wetland Park**

Located at the northern part of Tin Shui Wai, the HKWP comprises a 10,000 square metre visitor centre, Wetland Interactive World, and a 60-hectare Wetland Reserve. In 1998, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, along with Hong Kong Tourists Association (now renamed as Hong Kong Tourism Board, HKTB) commissioned an "International Wetland Park and Visitor Centre Feasibility Study" which began the process of expanding the EMA to become a world-class wetland ecotourism attraction.

The Wetland Reserve is composed of diverse wetland habitats including stream, freshwater marshes, reed bed, mud flat and wet agricultural land. It is home to a diverse population of insects, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including 220 species of sparrow, 40 species of dragonflies and more than 140 kinds of butterflies. There are three Bird Hides located in the Wetland Reserve for visitors to take a closer look at birds. The visitor centre provides integral facilities which include exhibition galleries, resource centre, theatre, souvenir shop, cafe and a play area which conveys wetland conservation messages.