Introduction
The Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve has come a long way since its early inception in 1989, when it was discovered by a group of avid birdwatchers. Open on 6 December 1993, located at the North-West part of Singapore facing the Johor Straits and along the Sungei Buloh Besar River, it is now a tranquil and rich natural environment and sanctuary set amidst a 130-hectare wetland of mangroves, mudflats, ponds and supporting secondary forest.

An Ecological Jewel
The Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve is a natural oasis in Singapore. Its thriving ecosystem offering abundant nourishment for re-fuelling is now an essential stopover and wintering ground along the route for numerous species of migratory birds travelling from the Northern Hemisphere, from as far as cold Siberia to Australia. Through the years, the mangroves and mudflats, with the surrounding remnants of coconut groves and other remaining agricultural land, have become a rich food source to more than 100 species of birds, making the Reserve probably the single largest bird watching site in Singapore.

Rich Biodiversity
Recent inhabitants include Estuarine Crocodiles and Smooth Otters, joining the numerous birds, monitor lizards and the marine life that have adopted this site as their home. These new and existing denizens form an interesting backdrop of fauna and flora that reside in the numerous niches of the ecosystem, ranging from the mudflats, to the mangroves, freshwater ponds and secondary forests. This rich biodiversity can be enjoyed throughout the year by taking different walking routes that spread across the sprawling Wetland Reserve.

Master Plan
The vision for Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve is to be a premier Wetland Hub and Nature Learning Centre serving Singapore and the region. It also provides an opportunity to bring together local and foreign schools, communities and experts to create a vibrant culture of learning and cooperation, and to create an environment of experiential learning, life-long learning and community bonding at Sungei Buloh, while retaining its beautiful native and natural wildlife and rustic charm.

More than 75 percent of Singapore’s mangrove flora and more than 60 percent of Singapore’s bird species are found in Sungei Buloh. Many of the flora and fauna are rare or endangered. It is therefore a delicate balance between the needs for conservation and recreation, and achieving the goal of making this place a destination with a difference. Through surveys and studies, areas with rich flora or fauna have to be protected to ensure that the living wetland continues to thrive while fringe areas are developed to house supporting amenities and facilities.

To meet these many competing needs, the Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve will be kept in its natural state, whilst the area closer to the Kranji Dam will be developed as the Sungei Buloh Wetland Park, with new amenities and facilities to better optimise land use and visitor experience.

Destination with a Difference
Visitor Centre
Set amidst a backdrop of existing lush secondary forests, fronted by a lowland swamp, the new Visitor Centre next to the Kranji Reservoir Park along Kranji Way was specially selected to bring