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Johor park draws inspiration from S. Korea's Nami Island

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THE planting of casuarina or rhu trees in the Teluk Arong Forest Eco Park here, which is inspired by the landscape of Nami Island in South Korea, will be a new attraction for tourists.

Johor Forestry director Datuk Salim Aman said that the department had taken inspiration from the landscape of Nami Island, as the island was famous among tourists from all over the world.

"We choose to plant casuarina trees in the Teluk Arong Forest Eco Park to ensure that they become a new attraction for visitors.

"The park is still in the process of development, and will be equipped with facilities like public toilets.

"We are also planning to develop a car camping site in the park," he said after the groundbreaking of the park, which was officiated by Menteri Besar Datuk Hasni Mohammad on Sunday.

He said there were four developments in the area: Arong State Park Forest Complex, Gunung Arong climbing trek, restoration area and Teluk Arong Forest Eco Park. All were expected to be completed within the next five years.

Salim said the ecotourism park would become a tourist attraction and provide economic benefits to the community.

Hasni said Mersing had a lot of economic potential, especially in tourism.

"I, together with Mersing district officer (Mohd Radzi Mohd Amin), have discussed setting up a marine-based higher education centre

"This education centre will highlight the state's natural treasures, as well as increase local development," he said. **Bernama**



Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Hasni Mohammad planting a casuarina tree at the groundbreaking of the Teluk Arong Forest Eco Park in Mersing on Sunday. BERNAMA PIC