PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Project title: Ecotourism Development – the case of Vietnam

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All of the questions included in this study are about a project I am researching on the development of ecotourism in Vietnam. By collecting information from different people in this way, it will help me to understand the current situation of tourism/ecotourism development and from there the ideas of how ecotourism can be defined, formed and developed can be initiated. The results of this study can then be used to providing recommendations to tourism businesses in Vietnam to develop ecotourism successfully while contributing to the protection of natural and social environment. With your participation in this study, you can be proud of contributing to the development of ecotourism in Vietnam which is not only focused on economic but also environmental and social qualities.

It is for you to decide if you would like to take part or are able to take part. Even if you decide not to take part, I thank you for taking the time to read this. With your agreement to take part, (which needs to be confirmed by your signature in the next page plus the signature of one witness), it will probably take about 15 minutes of your time for an interview. The interview can be proceeded by phone or by meeting with which you feel the most comfortable. For face to face interview, a public location with which you can feel comfortable with can be chosen. During the interview, all you need to do is to listen to each question and then write tell me whatever answer or information you would like to give. If you have any questions at any stage or are unsure about anything, please ask me.

For anyone who takes part in this study, the information recorded will not include any of your personal details (for example your name) or any other information which would allow anyone else to identify that you have taken part or what your answers are. Also, all collected data will be securely stored for records of the study and only accessible by myself or authorized staff of the University of Queensland, who shall comply with the Federal Privacy Act 1988 of Australia.

Please note that, with no objection or prejudice from myself, you are free to decide that if after you have given me some or all of your answers and you don’t want to take part any more, all of your answers will be destroyed or removed completely and will not be used. Once it is complete, the results of the study can be sent to you if you wish. As this is an academic study, to ensure its integrity, there will be no reimbursement for your participation. If you have any questions about anything connected with this study, you can contact project staff by email address n.le1@uq.edu.au.

Once again, thank you very much for your time.

This study adheres to the Guidelines of the ethical review process of The University of Queensland. Whilst you are free to discuss your participation in this study with project staff (contactable on +61 413345057), if you would like to speak to an officer of the University not involved in the study, you may contact the Ethics Officer on +61 7 3365 3924."