



Samaná officially enters the select club

BREAKING NEWS: - The annual Conference of the **Most Beautiful Bays** of the **World Club** was held in Ha Long city in Vietnam, from April the 29th to Sunday May the 2nd. During this event, the **bays** of **Samaná** and **Rincón** were officially certified, making the Dominican Republic the second country in the **Caribbean** to be recognized by the world organization, sponsored by UNESCO and the UN.

This **conference** gathered representatives from 31 delegations and **bays** around the world, and on this occasion, **Rincón** and **Samaná bays** were officially certified.

Since the public announcement in late 2009 of the acceptance of **Samaná** and **Rincón** Bays into this club, group of institutions, companies and individuals organized into a coordinating team.

The **National Steering Committee** of **Rincon** and **Samana**, "Most Beautiful Bays in the World", has made a commitment to preserve **natural** and **cultural resources**, and the bay landscape. Activities have been organized both in **Samaná** and Las Galeras in order to develop comprehensive content, appreciation and promotion of the bays, and encouraging local initiatives.

The formal integration of **Samaná** and **Rincón Bay** in the **Most Beautiful Bays** in the **World Club** is a great opportunity for the country, not only for greater international recognition that will benefit the **Dominican tourism**, but also for better local empowerment, integrating actors from the communities who live around these beautiful **bays**, for their responsible management.