

Urban Dock LaLaport Toyosu

Location: Tokyo, Japan **Designer:** EARTHSCAPE **Photographer:** Koji Okumura/
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1. Wave Garden
2. Memorial Dock
3. Kids Wave
4. Dock
5. Dog Run
6. View Terrace Seat
7. Industrial Heritage

In the early 16th century, when people still didn't have a complete understanding of world geography, European global expansion and the Age of Exploration began. Subsequent discoveries of new seaways and new continents played a large role in Europe's development after that. Skip to the 21st century, Tokyo Bay Area, Toyosu, the shipyards once in this area also provided "discoveries" to the people of the world through the ships they produced. Now, this location will be reborn as new landscape that provides new "discoveries."

The plan for this project considers the entire landscape as an ocean, and the people who travel through the area as voyagers. This site was previously a shipyard, and this project will be constructed by reclaiming two old docks. Three waves of "green," "water," and "earth" are layered over the reclaimed land, with a cafe, radio station, and museum scattered throughout to resemble several "islands," and white benches with foam and coral motifs floating above the waves. Voyagers travel freely through the space, experiencing new discoveries and encounters, sometimes letting their bodies be swept in the current, and sometimes navigating through with purpose. The overall vision of the landscape in this project was to create opportunities for a wide array of discoveries and encounters – including new lifestyle discoveries, a rediscovery of Tokyo, and a discovery of new places of interest – while working within the parameters of a symbolic background of the old shipyards, from which the entirety of Tokyo Bay can be seen, as well as a contemporary city setting and Toyosu.

Award description:
2007 Good Design Award

Right: Industrial heritage

