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Pandas International's Chinese New Year Dinner

Thank you to everyone who attended the fundraising dinner, sponsored the dinner, donated an auction item or made a donation to our efforts to purchase of milk for the babies.

A very special thank you to our major sponsors!

Please support all of the companies who generously donated to the auction and dinner.

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We received so many wonderful donations for our dinner auction we kept a few back to share with you, our online panda friends.

The first is this wonderful photo titled "Sorry, I just rolled down the Mountain" — a photo of an adult Giant Panda, at Wolong, China by Johanna Goering, Wildlife Photography, Port Townsend, Washington.

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*16 x 20 Bamboo Frame
Double-Matted Photo*

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Beijing to get pandas for Olympic tourists *(Xinhua)*

Wolong will loan the Beijing Zoo up to 10 of the bears during the Olympic Games in August. Eight to 10 of the animals, described as "strong, lovely and adaptable," are to be chosen from 16 candidates born in 2006 in the Wolong-based China Giant Panda Protection and Research Center, Li Desheng, the center's deputy director, told Xinhua on Thursday.

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The zoo has already begun to upgrade its facilities to accommodate the additional animals. It also plans to build a giant panda museum that would document efforts to save the endangered species.

" We would like to take the opportunity of the Olympic Games, when millions of tourists are expected to flow into the national capital, to promote the protection of the rare pandas and their living environment," Li said.

To ensure the animals' health and safety in their new home, Wolong will send a large group of panda keepers, vets and technicians to help take care of them during their stay.

Li said the exercise was more than just an exhibition; it also emphasizes the motivation to "exchange technologies on panda breeding."

Update on Mei Sheng

Mei Sheng has been moved to the reserve at Bifengxia. The Wolong Panda Base is for breeding and the Bifengxia Panda Base is mainly for sub-adult pandas and older pandas. Bifengxia was built in order to separate the panda population.

The Bifengxia center and the staff are all under the Wolong Reserve. The enclosures at Bifengxia are very nice and large. Dr. Tang reports Mei Sheng is very well, healthy and active. He is safe and well cared for, as are all the pandas.

The pandas at the Wolong Base are starting their

Mary Sheron
Susan & Ron Telesko
Ines Tok
Evelyn Waldman
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IMPORTANT NOTE:

In case you missed the article by James Fallows in the *Atlantic* you can read it online at <http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200712/pandas> and <http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200712/pandas-sidebar>

estrus earlier this year so Mei Sheng, a young boy, was moved to Bifengxia Base on February 19th. He will eventually breed when he is older and he will not be released to the wild.

Sichuan Giant Panda Sanctuaries

Home to more than 30 percent of the world's highly endangered pandas, these sanctuaries cover 924,500 hectares with seven nature reserves and nine scenic parks in the Qionglai and Jiayin Mountains, between the Chengdu Plateau and the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.

To learn more <http://www.china.org.cn/english/whp/216160.htm>



Spring Cleaning for Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22nd – how about celebrating by cleaning out unused items and recycling them at a yard sale or garage sale with the proceeds going to help Save the Pandas.

Unused items get recycled and we can buy more milk for the Pandas. Pandas International will provide a poster and some photos for signs

To request poster contact info@pandasinternational.org

Panda Special for Spring

All My Pals are Pandas – Tee Shirt



Adult \$ 10.00 (regularly \$ 20.00)

Youth \$ 7.50 (regularly \$ 15.00)

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Spring Cleaning Sale!**

Next Taiwan leader says he would welcome Chinese pandas

TAIPEI (AFP) — Taiwan's next leader Ma Ying-jeou said he would welcome a pair of giant pandas offered by China to the island if a local dispute about where to house the animals could be resolved. "We have already prepared our zoo for that purpose... we were ready, but because of political intervention we were not able to do that," Ma said one day after his landslide victory in the island's presidential election.

Other Newsbits.....

Wolong

As noted above, Dr. Tang is very busy this time of year as the breeding and artificial insemination is in full swing.

Washington D.C.

Mei Xiang, the female at the Smithsonian's National Zoo, was artificially inseminated March 19 by a team of Zoo scientists and veterinarians. The decision to perform the procedure was made after no successful mating had occurred.

Ma was mayor of Taipei in 2006 when China offered to send pandas to the self-ruled island as goodwill ambassadors following a historic visit to the mainland by Taiwan's former opposition leader Lien Chan. However, amid pressure from pro-independence supporters who branded it a propaganda ploy, outgoing President Chen Shui-bian's administration eventually rejected the offer.

There was also a dispute between the zoos of the capital Taipei and the southern city of Kaohsiung, which both wanted to look after the animals. "In the future we would certainly welcome" the animals, Ma said, "but first we have to finish a domestic dispute before accepting the pandas."

Zoos Attempting to Get Pandas

Toronto, Canada

The Toronto Zoo is planning a \$17 million permanent giant panda exhibit. The zoo has an agreement with China to get the animals, but still needs co-operation from the federal government before the pandas can be secured.

Adelaide, Australia

Adelaide Zoo says it is still working to raise millions of dollars to house two giant pandas. Zoo chief executive Chris West says an agreement was signed with Chinese authorities guaranteeing the pandas for Adelaide. Mr. West says it will cost at least \$7 million to house the two pandas in Adelaide. "We are of course seeking partnerships and talking, as I speak, to potential corporate partners so that we can make sure that the benefits, to pandas are wider than we can afford on our own," he said. It is unclear whether any federal funding will support the panda program.

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instead of buying them a material present.

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REMEMBER PANDAS INTERNATIONAL IN YOUR WILL!

A Board Member of Pandas International called to let us know they had included Pandas International in their will. A huge thanks for the generous gesture! [Please contact us](#) if you, too, would like to include Pandas International in your will.

MONTHLY DONATIONS — One of the best ways to help the pandas is to sign up for an automatic monthly donation, for as little as \$10.00 a month you can help us

with the medical needs of the pandas. [Donate now!](#)

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TEACHERS, SCOUT LEADER, SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS — One of our generous sponsors, Pandas Express, the fastest growing Asian cuisine restaurant chain, is teaming with us to offer an educational program to local elementary schools about the endangered pandas in China. *Panda Partners* is an environmental education program that uses age-appropriate materials to bring pandas, conservation issues, and a bit of China to the classroom. We have found most elementary school aged children love the panda and are eager to learn about them. If you are a teacher or know one who might be interested please

check the web site at www.pandasinternational.org.

TRAVEL TO CHINA — We have had several requests to travel to China to just the panda reserves. Kim of Kim's World Travel has arrangements with Wolong and Bifengxia and can arrange this type of trip for you. If interested please contact Kim at Kim@Kimsworldtravel.com or 303.388.3813.

VOLUNTEER AT WOLONG — It is now possible to volunteer at Wolong, cleaning cages, delivering bamboo, etc. Kim of Kim's World Travel will make arrangements with Wolong for you to volunteer. If interested please contact Kim at Kim@Kimsworldtravel.com or 303.388.3813.

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