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Dragon Boat Festival 2009

Pandas International would like to thank the volunteers who helped in our booth at the 2009 Dragon Boat Festival at Sloan's Lake Park on July 25th and 26th. To our volunteers, Jerry and Suzanne Braden, Chris Brown, John Etchepare, Delaney and Kelsey Gamble, Lynne Gray, Margaret and Mark Lai, Loretta Marten, Bailie Peterson, Karen Rose, Kim and Frank Sheremeta we give our sincerest thanks.

We had a great time visiting with old friends of Pandas International and meeting new panda lovers. The help from our many supporters and volunteers enables Pandas International to make a significant impact at the Wolong Nature Reserve and the Bifengxia Panda Base.



Three generations show off their new Panda tees!

Pandas Are Given the Star Treatment at the Dragon Boat Festival in Taiwan



wrapped the delicacy in bamboo leaves.

Two of the biggest stars in the Taipei Zoo, the panda couple Tuan Tuan and Yuan Yuan are being given special treatment during the dragon boat festival. And visitors to the zoo are happy to see the pandas celebrating the traditional festival, in style.

These star attractions at the Taipei Zoo are savoring these mouth-watering "zongzi" with delight.

They're packed with bamboo, carrots and apples especially for the VIPs. Zoo keepers creatively mixed the panda couple's favorite food in sticky rice, and then

National Zoo Celebrates Tai

Shan's 4th Birthday!

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/features/bal-panda0709.0.7990535.story>

WASHINGTON — The National Zoo's giant panda Tai Shan is turning 4 years old, making him a teenager in "bear years."

The zoo celebrated his birthday Thursday with a special frozen treat. The large "birthday cake" is made of water, bamboo, shredded beets and beet juice.



Tai Shan's birth made national headlines in 2005, and he's been a popular attraction for zoo visitors ever since. He is the first giant panda born at the National Zoo to survive more than a few weeks. Now he weighs more than 190 pounds.

The mother, Mei Xiang, and the father, Tian Tian, are on loan from China. Tai Shan could be moving to China later this year as an agreement for his stay comes to an end.

IT'S OFFICIAL...AUSTRALIA HAS CAUGHT PANDA FEVER

These pandas look good enough to eat



With panda-mania growing in Adelaide in anticipation of the arrival of the two giant pandas Wang Wang and Funi, Adelaide Zoo and Haigh's Chocolates — two South Australian icons — have teamed up to create products which will support conservation projects for the animals.

The result — chocolate pandas. Zoo's SA and Haigh's chief executives Chris West and Alister Haigh yesterday launched the chocolates (Amelia Norris holding one, right) which will go on sale today at the Zoo Shop and Haigh's stores. A 125g chocolate giant panda will also be released in September to coincide with the arrival

Countdown to Pandas' Arrival

Cara Jenkin, Environmental Reporter
June 26, 2009

DECEMBER 14 will be Adelaide's first opportunity to see Wang Wang and Funi, the two Giant Pandas coming to live in Australia, at Adelaide Zoo.

The Zoo has revealed the two pandas will arrive in Australia in mid-October and will spend their first 30 days in quarantine, before spending time getting used to their new home away from the public eye.

A six metre by four metre panda shaped clock has been erected on the side of the ETSA Utilities' building on Anzac Highway and will count down to the pandas' big day.

[Follow their progress: Click here for Adelaide pandas' supersite >>](#)

Oak Moved to Adelaide Zoo for Giant Panda

A 13m-high English oak will be transplanted in the giant panda precinct at Adelaide Zoo today after being transported from Victoria. The tree

of the pandas at the Zoo. — Aaron MacDonald

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will be a climbing structure for Wang Wang, who will arrive with fellow Giant panda Funi from China in October

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THAILAND'S PANDA FEVER CONTINUES

Thailand's Little Superstar

BANGKOK, THAILAND — Soap opera divas here suddenly look minor-league celebs next to Thailand's new superstar. Only a few weeks old, she's still just the size of a guinea pig, with a mangy, amorphously babylike appearance.

A closed-circuit TV system monitors the 1-1/2-lb. cub's every movement. Images of her are becoming standard souvenirs as Chiang Mai cashes in on her fame to revive its flagging tourism industry.

Despite her fame, the cub doesn't yet have a name. She'll get one in mid-August on Thai Mother's Day after a national naming contest. Her caretakers, though, already call her Thai-zin-oh-eh, or "Thailand's little superstar."

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The Cub At One Month



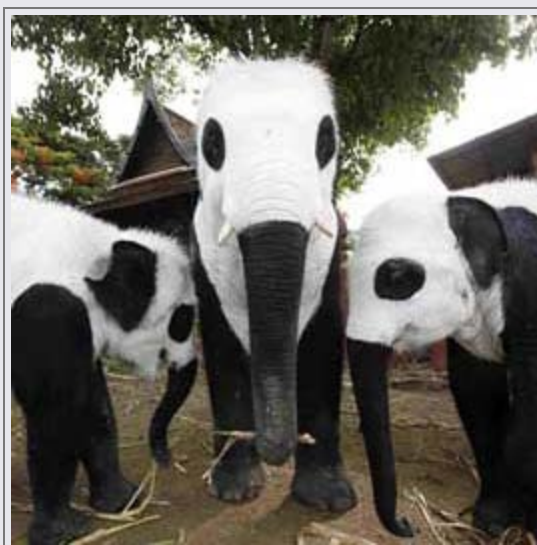
To celebrate the yet-to-be named Thai cub, the Chiang Mai Zoo treated the cub's parents, Lin Hui and Xuang Xuang to a cake weighing over 100 kg. The cub was also given a blessing for good health.

Pandas Are Everywhere in Thailand



A senior transportation official of Chiang Mai, shows a license plate decorated with photos of panda cub which was born in Chaing Mai zoo last month. It was part of a campaign to celebrate the birth. (*dailyxpress*)

You have to see it to believe it



A monk at Wat Sridonmoon in Chiang Mai's Muang district blesses the birth certificate of the panda cub presented by a mascot.

Elephants painted as pandas are seen at the Royal Elephant Kraal in Ayutthaya province, 80 km (50 miles) north of Bangkok, Thailand , June 26, 2009. Five of the elephants were led on a walkabout to send a message to the Thai public not to ignore its elephants, the symbolic animal of Thailand. A female panda and its newborn baby in the Chiang Mai zoo have captured the attention of the public.

(Xinhua/Reuters Photo)

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NEWS FROM THE PANDA CENTER

The 2008 "Bifengxia 13" Have Been Given Their Official Names

Guo Guo's twins, first pair of 2008 globally, have been named Ping Ping (female) and An An (male). The cubs born on July 6th were adopted and named by Mr. Huang Xiaoming of China.

Ying Ying's single female cub born on July 13th has been named Yun Yun.



Long Xin's twins born on July 21st have been named You You (male) and Han Yuan (female). You You was named after the "Thanks Ceremony" in Chengdu City. The Carrefour Corporation adopted You You, which means "God Blesses Sichuan" to show their good wishes for Sichuan. Han Yuan was named after the "Thanks Ceremony" in Wuhan City and her name implies Wuhan City's support of the people of Hanyuan.

The twins of the 18-year-old legendary panda, Bai Xue have been named Zhuang Mei (female) and Ning Ning (male). Zhuang, born on July 26th, was named after the "Thanks Ceremony" in Yunnan Province and her name means that she will grow strong under the care of the Yunnan people. Ning Ning, born on July 27th, was named after the "Thanks Ceremony" in Nanjing and his name implies that the people of Nanjing hope the Sichuan people can endure the hardships caused by the earthquake.

Cao Cao's first cub born on August 6th has been named Wu Yang (male). Cao Cao has been noted as a great first time mother in her care of Wu Yang. Wu Yang was named after the "Thanks Ceremony" in the Guangdong Province. In the folk tale, the City of Guangzhou was the City of the Five Sheeps, which in Chinese was called "WuYang". It

New Arrivals of 2009

As you can see, 2008 was a busy year at the Bifengxia Panda Center and 2009 is off to a great start with eight births so far. Hua Mei started the birthing season with a female cub on July 7th and just 15 minutes later Gong Zhu gave birth to a male cub. The third cub, a male, the offspring of 18 year old Bai Xue was born on July 15th. Next came another male cub born to Xi Mei on the 16th. The first twins at Bifengxia arrived on July 22nd during the solar eclipse to Na Na. On the 23rd of July, You You gave birth to the first cub conceived with frozen semen. See what the Associated Press had to say about this groundbreaking technology and the implications for the survival of the panda.

The last one to date was born on July 24th to

means that the people of Guangzhou wish the cub to grow up healthy and his life to be wonderful.

Fei Fei's male cub born on August 8th has been named Ao Yun. Ao Yun was named after the "Thanks Ceremony" in Beijing. Because the cub was born on the day of the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games on August 8, 2008, the people of Beijing constantly called him Ao Yun, which implies that the country would prosper.

Zhang Ka's male cub born on August 26th has been named Ao Ao. Ao Ao was adopted and named by the Gape Verde Outdoor International Group Co., Ltd. Zhang Ka is regarded as a miracle mom for her two records in a single birth: one for the longest labor of 34 hours and one for the largest cub weighing 218g.

Zhuyun's twins born on September 3rd have been named Hu Bao (female) and Min Min (female). Hu Bao was named after the "Thanks Ceremony" at the Shanghai Station and her name Hu is another name for Shanghai. Her twin Min Min was named after the "Thanks Ceremony" in Fuzhou and her name implies that the Fujian people will care for her. The twins were the first cubs for Zhuyun.

And finally, the smallest of the "Bifengxia 13," A Ling, the female cub of Ye Ye was born on September 14th, which was the Mid-Autumn day of China.

Hai Zi. We will keep everyone updated as more cubs are born!

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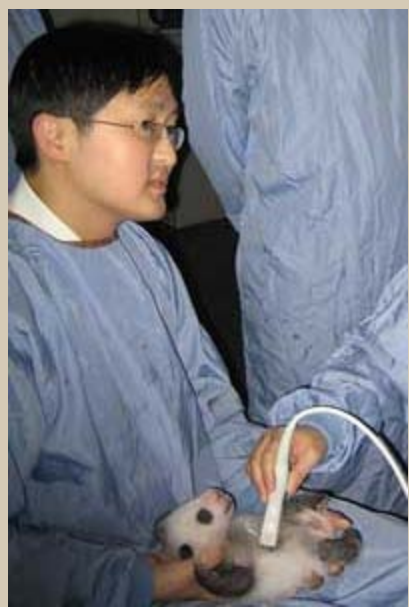
Other Panda Births Include:

The female Thailand cub whose parents are from the Wolong Panda Center was born on May 27th. The Chengdu Panda Center is also celebrating with the birth of Li Li's twins born on the 19th of July. The gender of the cubs has not been determined.

Help celebrate these births with a donation to the Formula Fund.

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Work At The Panda Base



Dr. Li and staff members use state of the art medical equipment to ensure the cubs at the base are healthy and growing appropriately.

As if the staff at the Bifengxia Panda Center did not have enough to worry about, Sichuan Province and the Center had to deal with power outages and loss of phone lines due to extensive flooding in the area. But the Center was fortunate enough to suffer no lasting damage. However, the disruption of power during this critical time underlines the urgent need for a generator.

At Pandas International



Coralie Munro of the University of California, Davis and Suzanne Braden of Pandas International at lunch in Boulder, Colorado to discuss the reagents used in hormonal testing at the Panda Centers. The reagents are critical in determining the timing for natural mating and artificial insemination.

A Note from a Member



Braeden of Colorado with a few of his favorite pandas. Pandas International is excited to have Braeden share his enthusiasm for saving the pandas with his Pennies 4 Pandas campaign.

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Pennies 4 Pandas is our new web based, child focused fundraising program to:

- Raise money to replant the bamboo destroyed in 2008 earthquake
- Teach children the rewards and value of philanthropic efforts
- Raise awareness of the pandas' plight
- Get community and school support
- Employ local Chinese farmers making the program more sustainable
- Make more people aware of the efforts of Pandas International



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