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Since joining the Carnivore Section in 2002, Hamdan has taken good care of our big cats. His enthusiasm towards the big cats is shown clearly by his extensive knowledge on them.

He believes that the best part of his job is that he gets to be closer with the animals. Hamdan looks forward to seeing more youths dedicated to the animals in ensuring our big cats to still 'ROAR' happily in Zoo Negara.

COME ROAR AT ZOO NEGARA - PART 1



The tiger, one of the most wonderful animals in the world, is also one of the most endangered. A cat of beauty, strength, and majesty, the tiger is master of all. Of the nine original subspecies of tigers, three have become extinct within the last 60 years.

Zoo Negara has proudly been the home to two different species of tigers. Kitty the oldest Malayan tiger is 7 years old and our male, Pacin is 5 years old. Our Sumatran male tiger named 'Bumi' which in Malay means earth is known as the down-to-earth big cat. He is 19 years old and still very active.

The primary prey of the tiger is the wild boar and Sambar Deer. Our tigers are fed 2-3 kilograms of a variety of meat, 4 times a week. They predominantly eat beef while chicken is used mainly as treats. In addition to that, our tigers are given a number of behavioral enrichment items such as herbs, boxes and meat that are hidden within their exhibit.

Tigers begin to breed when they are 3-4 years old. They mate at any time of the year in the tropics.

The number of tigers has significantly declined in the world today. This is the result from various factors such as loss of habitat due to illegal logging and land conversion for human settlements. Tigers need large areas in order to hunt food for survival. Deforestation means smaller hunting areas for tigers and leads to human-tiger conflict when tigers begin to attack people.



Tigers are not ours to kill and use for our needs, they are animals that have as much of a right to be here as we do. It is pure cruelty to murder these helpless animals because they are viewed as dangerous, or as amenities for upper class individuals. Tigers truly are beautiful animals that are dying out very fast and are in desperate need of our help, in order to survive on our planet.

REMEMBER! WHEN THE BUYING STOPS, THE KILLING CAN TOO!

COME ROAR AT ZOO NEGARA - PART 2

On behalf of Zoo Negara, we would like to wish our readers Gong Xi Fa Cai! May all of you be blessed with prosperity and good fortune. According to the Chinese Zodiac, the Year of 2010 is the Year of the Golden Tiger, which begins on February 14, 2010 and ends on February 2, 2011.



Many Asian cultures view tigers as a magnificent animal which symbolises of courage, power, passion and royalty. Ancient Chinese believe that the markings on the forehead of tigers resemble the Chinese character for "Wang", or King.



Here at Zoo Negara the main event was Tiger Day which was launched on 6th February 2010. Tiger day was day filled with lots of fun and games such as a tiger maze, face painting and mini exhibitions by Mycat and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). These activities were focused on raising awareness on the plight of the tigers and teaching people about what they can do to help.



"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
Mahatma Gandhi

NEXT MONTH!

Don't miss next months issue as we will be taking a closer look at our new penguins that arrived exclusively from Republic of Czech!



We had to say goodbye to our Ancil Gazette Editor, Ms. Liyana who is leaving to further her studies. A very committed person, she has never disappointed us with her writings. Her absence certainly will be greatly missed by us. Ms. Liyana, we wish you all the best and don't forget Zoo Negara!

