

## Reports to WAZA from Asian Zoo Associations : South East Asian Zoo Association SEAZA

The 17th Annual SEAZA Conference was held in Seoul, South Korea 5-9 August 2009, hosted by Seoul Zoo. The event was supported by the City Government and was held in conjunction with the Centenary Anniversary of Seoul Zoo (previously Seoul Grand Park). The conference was attended by 250 participants from 20 countries.

Four guest speakers provided excellent presentations on topics of high interest to the membership. Scientific sessions were then chaired by Prof. Agoramorthy (SEAZA Ethics & Welfare Chair), Dr. Yong (Research Director, Seoul Zoo), Sally Walker (WAZA Council) and Willie Labuschagne (WAZA Past President).

An ISIS workshop was also led by Kanako Nishimoto (AMC) attended by Korean Zoo Association members and other conference participants. A total of 51 scientific papers were presented by 31 institutions with topics such as *ex-situ/in-situ* conservation, welfare, husbandry, genetics, population management, breeding, education, zoo design, aquarium, training, research and veterinary care. Papers were presented by animal keepers, biologists, veterinarians, scientists, professors, government officials and NGOs.

Notable included representatives from Department of Forestry and Ministry of Culture and Tourism (Indonesia), Chief Council of Indonesian Embassy in Seoul, Ministry of Environment (S. Korea), Chinese Zoo Association, the Chief Scientist from the National Cancer Institute (USA), Director, WIN, (UK), the CEO JAZA, and Zoo Atlanta (USA).

Of key interest during the conference was a presentation made by Bernard Harrison, former President of SEAZA, about the strategic road map for the future of the association, suggesting maximization of the regional coverage of SEAZA. A key goal of this direction is the establishment of a full-time secretariat to manage the affairs of SEAZA, assist the membership and to support core services such as marketing, branding and program facilitation. It would also provide SEAZA a credible representation for the membership, present a united voice on zoo affairs, and improve communication and networking within the association.

### Main SEAZA Activities 2008 – 2009

#### Indonesia Region

**2008 Releasing Sumatran Tigers.** Technical assistance for Indonesian Ministry of Forestry to release 5 Sumatran tigers to Lampung-Sumatera. The tigers were set the GPS Collar for monitoring.

**2009 Javan Leopards' Strategy and Action Plan,** IZPA (Indonesian Zoological Park's Association) held a workshop in Taman Safari Indonesia with the Ministry of Forestry, Universities, and other wildlife agencies on May 2009.

**2009 Review of Sumatran Tiger's Strategy and Action Plan.** IZPA hosted a workshop with Ministry

of Forestry, Universities, & wildlife agencies June 09.

#### **A Study of Comparison of Elephant & Mammoth.**

SEAZA Member Taman Safari Indonesia hosted a research the comparison of Sumatran elephant and extinct mammoth, July 2009.

#### **Malayan Tapir Conservation Field Project.**

Indonesian Director-General of Forestry inspected the Yokohama Research Center (Japan) to establish a Malayan tapir breeding partnership.

**Observation on the successful breeding panda outside China habitat** in Adventure World – Japan with Convenor CBSG Japan Dr. Hiroshi Hori.

**Presentation of Animal Welfare in Agriculture Department.** One vision of animal welfare for all animals in Indonesia.

**Presentation in 19th meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB) in Jakarta 2009.**

**The Declaration of 2009 Sumatran Elephant Ambassador to Miss Indonesia.**

**2009 Anoa and Babirusa Conservation Strategy and Action Plan.** SEAZA Director attended.

**2009 Int'l Amphibian Workshop. Taman Safari Indonesia, July 27-29th 2009.**

Over 50 people gathered at Taman Safari for amphibian workshop. After a welcome, presentations by Kevin Johnson from AArk, Prof. Djoko Iskandar from Bandung Institute of Technology and Mirza Kusri from Bogor Agricultural University outlined global amphibian crisis, the formation of the AArk, and amphibian issues in Indonesia.

#### Thailand Region

**New Concept White Tiger Exhibit.** Khao Kheow Open Zoo, A member of ZPO inaugurated its new concept white tiger exhibit, providing Indian cultural themes mixed in the tiger area.

**2009 New Aquarium.** Chiangmai Zoo opened a new big aquarium of the world's fishes.

**New Birth of Panda.** Another successful birth in Chiangmai Zoo in July 2009.

#### Malaysia Region

· Field Training Course organized a comprehensive Field Training Course for animal care staff.

· The 13th Annual General Meeting for MAZPA was successfully conducted at Zoo Negara, Kuala Lumpur on 31st March 2009.

· Milky Stork (*Mycteria cinerea*) Reintroduction Programme held in Zoo Negara.

· Malaysian Pheasants Re-Introduction Programme held in Zoo Negara.

#### Singapore Region

· Singapore Zoo hosted The Pangolin Workshop which is in illegal trade.

#### Taiwan Region

· Taipei Zoo campaigning 2008 Year of the Frog.

· New Exhibit of Giant Pandas at Taipei Zoo.

· "Taipei Giant Panda Conservation Website" opening.