



Date	Event Description
01/8~03/30	Happy Niu (Ox) Year –Exhibition of Bovidae Specimens was opened both at the Education Center as well as the Special Exhibit Area
01/22	The Bureau of Animal and Plant Health and Inspection and Quarantine of the Council of Agriculture issued an import quarantine certificate for the Giant Pandas, thus completing the quarantine tasks.
01/22	The entire restroom facilities received a score no less than 86 (inclusive) in 2009 by the Department of Environmental Protection of Taipei City. In which, 230 facilities were rated extremely excellent and 11 excellent (compared to the 103 extremely excellent and 7 excellent awards received in 2008).
01/24	The “Donation Ceremony of the Shin Kong Panda House and Special Preview Benefit Night” was held at Special Exhibit House, where President Ma Ying-Jeou and the Honorary Chairman of the Kuomintang Party Lien Chan and his wife accompanied by Taipei Mayor Hau Lung-pin attended the minority-benefit event with 500 children.
01/26	The Special Exhibit House opened. Tuan Tuan and Yuan Yuan received visitors. Ticketing system was introduced to limit the number of visitors to 22,000 per day.
01/26~02/01	The conference room located on the second floor of the Zoo’s Administration Building was turned into the Giant Panda Emergency Response Center during the Chinese New Year’s Festival by the Taipei City Government, manned by related authorities’ dedicating personnel everyday in case of an emergency.
02/05	In light of proposed Gorilla introduction project, the head of Howletts & Port Lympne Wild Animal Park visited the Zoo and inspected the Gorilla enclosure.
02/07	Starting today, the radio program “Wake-Up Call from Taipei Animals”, a show produced entirely by the Zoo staff from strategy to post-production, may be heard every Saturday at 8 am at Taipei Broadcasting Station FM 93.1. The program contents coring on “animal anecdotes” and “conservation actions”.
02/08	The “Chinese New Year Blessing Celebration and Animal Lantern Riddle Activity” was held in cooperation with First Bank, with 50 animal-based riddles for the visitors to guess on site.
02/10	Received written notice from Seoul Park: Red-Crowned Crane “Dan-Dan” suffered a broken left wing while attempting to fly on February 5. Although surgery was performed but Dan-Dan died on February 8.
02/15~05/31	Special Exhibition of Medicinal Insects and Medical Applications opened at the Insectarium.
02/16	Application to register the Giant Panda for classes 25, 26, 28, and 30 was approved.
02/16	Performed health exam for Giant Panda “Yuan Yuan”.
02/20	Giant Panda scholars – Dr. Tang Chunxiang and Animal Preservation Official Huang Zhi, returned to China, thus concluding their two months of assistances here in Taiwan.
03/03	Application to register the Giant Panda for classes 14, 16, 21, 25, 26, 28, and 30 was approved.
03/15	Haulien County Government donated their specialty local product –Tapalong Bamboo Shoots, to the Zoo as food for Tuan Tuan and Yuan Yuan. The donation ceremony took place this morning with singing and dancing by the Amei tribe.
03/28	Partnered with the Association of Friends of Taipei Zoo to hold the “2009 Gorilla Conservation Education Activity” by the courtyard next to the main gate.
03/31	The Geoffroy’s Spider Monkey, an exchange with Ueno Zoological Gardens, arrived in the evening and proceeded directly to begin quarantine.
04/03	Taipei Mayor Hau Lung-bin personally hosted the “Summit of Children – A Date with Mayor” and “Taipei, Fairytales, Listen Good” presentations, both events organized by the Department of Education of Taipei City held at the International Conference Room in the Special Exhibit House, and had fun interacting with children.
04/15	This was the day the Zoo terminated leasing contracts with vendors at ex-situ service centers. The walkthrough has been scheduled for April 27 th .
04/15	Dispatched dedicated personnel to Pingtung to bring back the Formosan Black Bear cub (born on December 30, 2008, male), bred under a reproduction project with Mr. Tengcheng Lee.
04/17	The 1 millionth Giant Panda visitor appeared.
04/18	Organized the Earth Day activity “Carbon Reduction Duo Love Earth” by the courtyard next to the main gate in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Administration. Minister Shih-hung Shen personally hosted the activity.
04/19	“Jason Ya! Tour the Zoo and Talk about Conservation” is heard effective immediately on the morning of the third Sunday every month. The zoo director personally leads a guided tour around the Formosan Animal Area together with animal keepers and docent volunteers.
04/21	Taipei City’s Children Recreational Center opened at the old ex-situ service center site. Ex-situ service center ceased operation effectively immediately.



04/30~12/30	Organized the "All About Bovidae –Special Exhibit 2009" at the Education Center.
05/01	The Zoo's wastewater discharge has been incorporated into the Sewerage Systems network. The Zoo's own wastewater treatment plant ceased operation.
05/01	The Zoo's animal nanny Ms. Pan Xiu-Er was recognized by Taipei City as excellent mental and physical (handicapped) laborer in the fiscal year of 2009.
05/10	Taipei Mayor Hau Lung-bin personally hosted the special Mother's Day activity "Love Mommy Declaration", and gave 30 carnation gifts, wishing all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.
05/13	Students and faculty from the Taipei School for the Visually Impaired Student came to attend the "Experience Activity for Blind Students", an event hosted by Commissioner of Department of Education Ching-Shan Wu personally.
05/18	Three staff from the Ueno Zoological Gardens and the Tokyo Sea Life Park came to Taipei Zoo to see the Penguin House, Children's Zoo, Formosan Animal Area, Koala House, and the Asian Tropical Rainforest Area.
06/03	Farmland Green Tree Frog's Habitat Conservation Project received the Preliminary Finalist Award from the First Taipei City Creative Proposal Reporting for the fiscal year of 2009.
06/06	Organized in cooperation with the WenShan District Office the "Fallen for MaoKong Food", an activity from the series "WenShen Tea and Bamboo Folk Cultural Festival" combining the community specialty farm products with topics such as biodiversity and conservation, so as to introduce WenShen's tourism resources and special features to the general public.
06/11	A professor from Japan's Korea University came to visit, and began feasibility evaluation to mate Taipei Zoo's Black-Faced Spoonbills with those in the Tama Zoological Park of Japan.
06/12	Organized the "The Joint Declaration Signing Ceremony of Taipei City and Pingtung County on the Conservation of Formosan Black Bear and Press Conference", co-hosted by Taipei Mayor Hau Lung-bin and Pingtung County Magistrate Tsao Chi-hung. During the event the "Ballot to Name the Little Black Bear Cub" activity was announced, inviting the public to come forward and name the male cub.
06/13~06/30	The first round of "Name the Little Black Bear" has concluded (June 13 th to 30 th). A total of 588 name entries were received. Second round cast-your-ballot online starts from July 1 st to July 14 th .
06/14	Russian Academy of Sciences came to Taiwan to study our aquariums and zoos. They visited the Taipei Zoo's back enclosures for tigers and leopards.
06/19~06/24	Head Gorilla Keeper at Howletts & Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks arrived for a six-day exchange visit, educational training, and experience sharing.
06/23	Educational Training – Topic: Introduction of the Howletts & Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks and Gorilla Management (speaker: Phil Ridges).
06/30	7-year old male Koala "Milk Tea" died this afternoon from Multiple Sarcoma.
07/06	Danish veterinarian Carsten Grondahl of Copenhagen Zoo arrived for a visit.
07/11	Department of Health of Taipei City officially promulgated the Taipei Zoo as a no smoking facility.
07/18-08/29	The opening hours of the Taipei Zoo will be extended to 9 pm for seven consecutive Saturdays. This afternoon both Taipei Mayor Hau Lung-bin and Commissioner of Department of Education Ching-Shan Wu personally attended the opening activities for "Animal Summer 2009 – My Gorilla Buddies", and unveiled the winning name choice for the Formosan Black Bear "Hei Tang" (Brown Sugar).
08/	Taipei Zoo's summer intern won first place in Life Science Category for the End-of-Term Report of the Migratory Bird Project, sponsored by the National Science Council.
08/05	Taichung City Government donated 90 kilograms of Munro Bamboo Shoots to the Zoo as food for the Giant Pandas.
08/07~08/08	The Zoo was closed for two days due to Typhoon Morakot.
08/14-10/15	The touring exhibition of "2008 Science Festival: Bat Sharing – An Exhibit of Bats" moved to the National Museum of Prehistory in Taitung.
08/22	To mourn the victims of 88 flood, all agencies and schools throughout the nation flown flags at half-staff from August 22 nd to 24 th , 2009.
09/01~09/08	Presented Zoo Leipzig with a gift Formosan Pangolin (Gui Shan, female). A party of three including researcher Shih-Chien Chin accompanied the Pangolin on the same flight to the Zoo Leipzig in Germany.
09/10~09/15	Taipei Zoo Director Jason Yeh led a delegation of Zoo staff to Beijing for the "Academic Conference on Giant Panda Conservation and Education of the Cross-Straits Delta 2009", and presented three thesis reports.



09/12	Taipei Zoo Director Jason Yeh signed the "Academic Conference on Giant Panda Conservation and Education of the Cross-Straits Delta Proposal" with Wolong Giant Panda Protection Research Center, Ocean Park Hong Kong, and Beijing Zoo.
09/12~09/13	Organized the "From International Conservation and Breeding Cooperation of Burmese Star Tortoise – to Talk about the Joint In-Situ and Ex-Situ Actions on the Conservation of Endangered Turtles Seminar". A total of 133 people were in attendance (61 from Taipei Zoo, 72 from outside).
09/16	Signed the "Conservation Cooperative Agreement for Endangered Turtle and Tortoise Species" with the US-based Behler Chelonian Center at Taipei Zoo's Wetland Park.
10/03~10/10	Organized the 2009 Giant Panda Medical and Management Training Seminar, and invited Senior Animal Behavioral Training Instructor Paul Wu from Ocean Park Hong Kong to give instructions and medical training of the Giant Pandas and other animals in this regard.
10/04	Project to Replace Air Conditioning Unit at the Penguin House completed.
10/16	Dr. Goodman of the University of Edinburgh came to the Taipei Zoo to speak on the diseases prevalent to Emperor Penguins and surgical sterilization of wild animals, as well as visited our Penguin House to exchange professional opinions.
10/23	Five employees from three separate Yokohama zoos came to the Taipei Zoo to see our Asian Tropical Rainforest Area and exchanged professional opinions.
10/26	Four Singapore Zoo personnel including the Zoo Director came to visit Taipei Zoo and toured our Special Exhibit House, Veterinary Division, and Insectarium.
11/02	Taipei City Department of Education held its expanded community education meeting at the Zoo's Special Exhibit House.
11/07~12/4	Co-organized the "Indigenous Snake Exhibition" with Hualien Forest District Office at the Yuli Wildlife Refuge Ecological Education Hall at Ruei-Suey.
11/12	A 12-member delegation from the Xiangjiang Safari Park Guangzhou including Deputy Director Xie Jie came to the Taipei Zoo to visit our Quarantine and Wildlife Rescue Center, Penguin House, and African Animal Area.
11/16~11/20	Organized the "Seminar on Demographic Management" and invited Senior Scientist Jonathan D. Ballou of the Smithsonian National Zoo and Dr. Kathy Traylor-Holzer, IUCN Conservation Breeding Specialist, to the Zoo to give lectures in this regard.
11/18	Co-organized the International Symposium on Conservation of the Asiatic Black Bear 2009 with the Endemic Species Research Institute at the Zoo's Special Exhibit House.
11/19	Taipei Zoo received seven awards for Staff Research Projects for Fiscal Year 2008 by the Taipei City Government (including 2 first prizes, 4 second prizes and 1 third prizes).
11/20	National Taiwan University Hospital – GongGuan Branch donated one CT scanner to the Taipei Zoo, which was placed inside the Quarantine and Wildlife Rescue Center.
11/21	A 14-member delegation from the Dalian Forest Zoo including Vice Director Lee Zhong Hua came to visit the Taipei Zoo.
11/23	Four people from the Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology and the Hokkaido University including Professor Toshio Tsubota visited Taipei Zoo.
11/25	After more than one year's negotiation ending this November 25 2009, the Project to Terminate the Premise Leasing-Rights in the Ex-Situ Service Center had a total of 121 tenants out of the entire 135 tenants vacated their premises according to administrative procedures, 14 remained.
12/02	Second Phase Renovation Project of the Chimpanzee Exhibit (including heating facility) completed.
12/13	Taipei Zoo's Research Cooperation Project "The Fecal Bacterial Flora of Giant Panda <i>Ailuropoda melanoleuca</i>) during Non-Oestrus Reared in Taiwan poster presentation, was ranked first place in "Basic Microbiology Division" during the 41 st Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Society of Microbiology and Academic Seminar.
12/12	Special Exhibition of Exotic Species in Taiwan starts today to December 31 st , 2010 at the Amphibian and Reptile House.
12/18	The renovation Project for the Cervidae Exhibit at the Formosan Animal Area completed.
12/20	"Pandas Playing at MaoKong, Storytelling Competition" and the Presentation Activity of "Fun MaoKong at the Intersection of Food".
12/29	Received an Award of Excellence on Service Quality for the fiscal year 2009 from the Taipei City Government.
12/31	Ranked excellent by the Review for the Effectiveness of Document Processing for the fiscal year 2008 from the Taipei Department of Education.