

Giant panda naming and painting competitions launched

The two giant pandas gifted by the Central Government to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region arrived smoothly in Hong Kong on September 26. To welcome these two giant pandas to the Hong Kong family, the Giant Panda Naming Competition and Giant Panda Painting Competition, organised by the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) and co-organised by the Ocean Park Corporation (Ocean Park), were launched today (October 2).

The current names of the two giant pandas are An An (male giant panda) and Ke Ke (female giant panda). All Hong Kong residents are welcome to exercise their creativity and suggest meaningful new names for the giant pandas that highlight their characteristics. Participants are required to suggest a Chinese name for each of the two giant pandas and explain the meaning of the proposed names in no more than 100 words in Chinese. Participants are also welcome to propose keeping the current names of the two giant pandas with an explanation of the meaning of the names. The best entries selected will become the names of the two giant pandas. The Giant Panda Naming Competition is open for entries from today to October 27.

The Giant Panda Painting Competition will be run in three groups, namely the Open Group (for Hong Kong residents), the Secondary Student Group (for Secondary One to Secondary Six students) and the Primary Student Group (for Primary One to Primary Six students) respectively. All participants are welcome to depict the adorable nature of the two giant pandas with reference to their photographs and videos. Participants are required to submit their hand-drawn paintings between October 21 and November 8, and explain the message behind their paintings in no more than 100 words in Chinese.

For details of the two competitions, including terms and conditions, means for submission of entries, judging criteria and prizes, please visit Ocean Park's dedicated website at www.oceanpark.com.hk/en/park-experience/giant-panda-campaign-2024. Results will be announced by the end of this year and winners will be notified individually by correspondence.

The two giant pandas are now undergoing a one-month quarantine period in Ocean Park, after which they will need approximately one month to adapt to their new environment. The CSTB will maintain close communication with experts from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and Ocean Park, and, subject to the health and adaptation conditions of the giant pandas, arrange for them to meet the public as early as possible.