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On the Brink: The Hopes and Survival of Orang-Utans (By Fareea Ma)

The talk given by Ms Fareea Ma last Wednesday covered four sections:

1. The biology and social behaviour of the orang-utan;
2. The threats to their survival;
3. The conservation work around the world that is going on to save them from extinction; and
4. What individuals can do to contribute towards the conservation of the orang-utans.



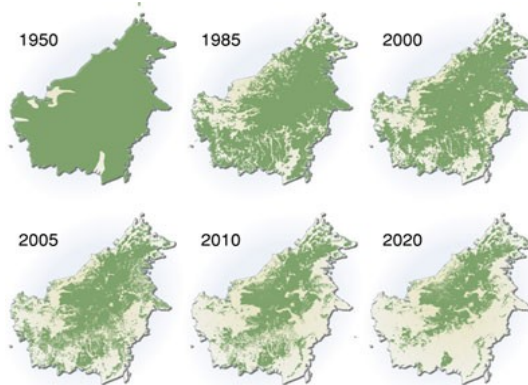
Orang-utans are apes and not monkeys. They do not have tails, share 96% of the human DNA and have a more evolved intelligence as compared to the monkeys. Each orang-utan has distinguishing physical features and behavioural characteristics that make them individuals in their own right. Their intelligence is demonstrated in the way they are able to adapt and use tools, make creative nests and copy human beings. Orang-utans are frugivorous [feeding on fruits – ed.] but have been observed to also eat bark, leaves and insects. They are very emotional animals that can display happiness, fear, attachment,

anger, confusion and more. They can be proud mothers who show off their young and can be psychologically disturbed babies who have seen their mother killed.

Orang-utans are semi-solitary animals that interact freely in captivity and rehabilitation centres while they are usually alone when living in the wild. Males are usually much larger than the females outweighing them by almost 75 kilograms.

Living in the canopies of trees that take many years to mature, the orang-utans' biggest threat is the loss of habitat due to logging and clearing of land for agricultural use. Other threats include forest fires, hunting and the pet trade. Due to the high value in the dipterocarps and the need for commercial agricultural land, large patches of forests are cleared indiscriminately.

The slide below illustrates how in just 60 years mankind has managed to reduce the Borneo rainforest and the projected disappearance over the next 10 years.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIARY

COMMITTEE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

COMMITTEE

Meeting every 2nd
Wednesday of the month

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE

Nest meeting will be held on
06 January 2010 at 14:00 hrs
(immediately after the
luncheon meeting)

SERVICE PROJECTS

COMMITTEE

Meeting every 3rd and 4th
Wednesday of the month
(immediately after club
meeting)

CLUB

ANNOUNCEMENTS

83rd Installation Banquet

Date: June 2010

Vanue: Shangri-La Hotel

Programme: To be advised

Watch this space for further
details

DISTRICT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Assembly

The 76th District Assembly
will be held as follows:

Date:

16-18 April 2010

Venue:

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa,
Selangor

Host Club:

RC Bandar Sunway

Partner Clubs:

RCs Port Klang, Kelana
Jaya, USJ, Central
Damansara, Damansara
West, and Puchong

PROGRAMME

HIGHLIGHTS

16 April:

Bowling, Registration,
PETS/SETS/TETS,
Fellowship Dinner

17 April:

Opening Ceremony, Plenary
Sessions, Workshops,
Spouses' Programme and
Governor's Banquet

18 April:

Plenary Sessions, Closing
Ceremony and Farewell
Lunch

Register online or via Hon.
Secretary Mohd Ridza
Abdullah



BERITA ROTARY WEEKLY PROCEEDINGS

6 January 2010

ATTENDANCE / ON DUTY

- RCKL Rotarians: 40
- RCKL Rotarian Make Ups: -
- Convener: Rtn Lim Che Wan
- Sergeant-At-Arms: Rtn Ameen Abdullah
- National Anthem and Loyal Toast: Rtn Adenan Bin Hj Mohd Zain
- Speaker: Ms Fareea Ma
- Topic: On the Brink: The Hopes and Survival of Orang-Utans
- Speaker Introduction: Rtn Ramesh Pillai
- Closing Remarks: IPP Francis Chan



PE Andy Khoo
– on the job training



Rtn Lim Che Wan
– happy to be Convener



A familiar face – Rtn Adenan
(Negaraku, Loyal Toast and Club Song)



SAA Rtn Ameen Abdullah
in his accustomed role

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Rotarians

None

BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 13.01 - PE Andy Khoo
- 14.01 - Rtn Louis Cheah
- 16.01 - PP Lau Foo San
- 19.01 - Pres. Rizal Sardon

Wedding Anniversaries

- 14.01 PP David Teh

Invited Guests

- Ms Fareea Ma - club guest
- Ms Megan Davidson - club guest
- Mrs Roozy Ma - guest of PDG Mustapha Ma



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When the trees are lost, the arboreal animals have no choice but to come to the ground to search for food or safety and usually end up dead or hunted. The best chance of survival for the threatened orang-utan is the rehabilitation centres that have been set up in several places in Malaysia and Indonesia. However, there is a limit in the numbers of orang-utans that can be kept in the centres.

Animals that have once been a pet have to go through a long process of rehabilitation. Where they never learnt survival skills from their mothers, young orang-utans have to be taught by human trainers to climb trees and build nests. Once they are confident enough to venture off into the forest on their own, they are released in protected forest reserves.

However, man still encroaches

onto the protected wildlife sanctuaries, making their survival very tough. If man stops being selfish and he removes himself from designated sanctuaries, most wildlife will have their own way of surviving and replenishing their populations.

As individuals, we need to understand that while development is imperative, we have the responsibility to respect the boundaries of the animals' homeland. We can support by raising awareness, provide funding for rehabilitation centres and the protection of the animals found in the wild, joining efforts to reforest crucial wildlife sanctuaries, and as responsible citizens of the world, to make business decisions that consciously take into consideration the impact on the environment and wildlife living within.

Police Emergency Hotlines



A few weeks ago, the ex-Deputy IGP, Tan Sri Samsuri Arshad, was a guest of our club. He informed that the police, realising that it needs to respond faster in case of an emergency, has set

up 24-hours command centres that are staffed by multi-lingual police personnel. The telephone numbers are:

- Bukit Aman: 03-2031 9999**
- Kuala Lumpur: 03-2115 9999**
- Selangor: 03-2052 9999**

He advised Rotarians, their family members and friends to key these into their mobile phones and says that help should be on the scene within 15 minutes.



The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



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RI NEWS/ PICTURE GALLERY

The Rotary Foundation Makes Rotary's Work Possible



January is **Rotary Awareness Month** – a time to learn more about our organization, and a time to focus on our public image.

Raising awareness of Rotary is an important part of the RI Strategic Plan: The more Rotary is known for its good work, the more good work Rotary will be able to do.

As Past RI President Robert Barth of Switzerland said, "We believe that the Rotary pin on our lapel sends a message. It says: *You can rely on me. I am dependable, I am reliable, I give more than I take. I am available.*"

Because of The Rotary Foundation, people around the world know that they can depend on Rotary in their time of need. It is the Foundation that

allows Rotarians to say yes to calls for help, when otherwise we might be forced to say, "There is nothing we can do."

As Rotarians, you are here because you believe in **Service Above Self**. And as Rotarians, you know that through Rotary, you can have an impact beyond what you could ever hope to have as individuals. One person, no matter how great the talents and resources, is limited. Working alone, there is only so much that can be done. But when we work together, when we pool our resources with those of 1.2 million other Rotarians around the world – and with the resources of our Rotary Foundation – we can make a difference that will be remembered for generations. It is up to all of us.

Glenn E. Estess Sr.
Foundation Trustee Chair

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) *Is it the TRUTH?*
- 2) *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- 3) *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
- 4) *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*



Welcome back, Rtn Yusoff Amin



PP Ham and Rtn Beng Chai admiring Rtn Boon Leong's new toy



Mr Rotary - PP Lim Eng Ho - providing valuable advice



The speaker receiving the certificate of appreciation from PP Francis Chan



The birthday celebrants, PP Kanes flanked by Rtn Hardeep and PE Andy Khoo