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About Kai Kai and Jia Jia

Kai Kai and Jia Jia have been presented to Singapore by the Chinese government in recognition of the strong friendship between both countries. They will stay in the River Safari for the next 10 years, and then return home to China.

We hope that you will learn more about Kai Kai and Jia Jia, and how we can help protect them and their friends living in the bamboo forests in China.



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It was a very big day for Kai Kai and Jia Jia. They were moving to another country.
"Should I pack in some food?" Jia Jia asked.



“No need,” said Kai Kai. **“There will be tons of food in our new forest.”**
“Oh, okay,” said Jia Jia. **“I will *really* miss our friends here.”**



“Me too,” Kai Kai said. “But I’m sure we will make many friends in Singapore.”



“What should we say when we meet our new neighbours?” Jia Jia asked.
Kai Kai said, “Let’s ask, ‘Have you eaten?’ I heard that Singaporeans really love their food.”
“I really love my food too!” Jia Jia said.



“There’s a Singaporean dish called Chicken Rice,” Kai Kai said. “Shall we try that?”
“Well,” Jia Jia said, “I suppose... I can try a little bit.”



Kai Kai laughed. "I'm joking. Everyone knows that we only eat vegetables."
"Bamboo," Jia Jia corrected him. "And carrots and apples for dessert."



When Kai Kai and Jia Jia arrived in Singapore, it was past their usual naptime.



They were sleepy and bleary-eyed. Jia Jia was glad that no one noticed her eye bags.



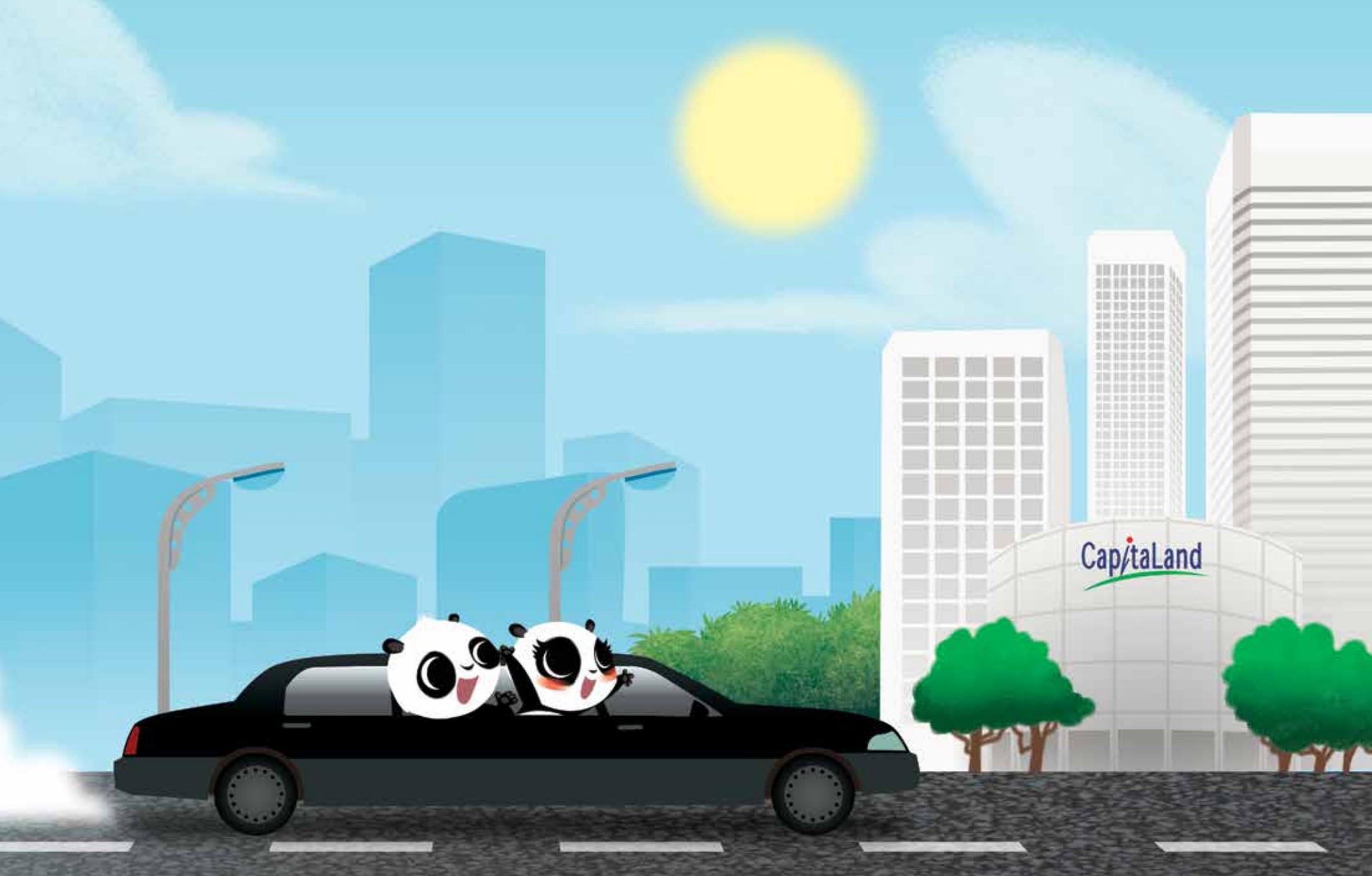
"I wonder if our new neighbours will like us," Jia Jia said.



**“I’m sure that they will,” Kai Kai said.
“Look! That big crowd must be waiting for some Very Important Person.”**



“Hey, these people are here to see us!” Jia Jia exclaimed.



After posing for photos with the crowd, the pandas were whisked off to their new home.



**“Look!” Jia Jia exclaimed.
“We are at the right place!” Kai Kai said.**



As they stepped in, a familiar sight greeted them.



**“This almost feels like home!” Jia Jia said.
Kai Kai’s tummy growled. “And we are just in time for *dianxin*,” he said.**



**“I wonder which kind soul prepared these snacks for us?” Jia Jia said.
Kai Kai gulped down his food in a few mouthfuls.**



**“Do you think there are others like us here?” Jia Jia asked.
“I saw one of our neighbours on our way in,” said Kai Kai.
“He has black and white patches like us.”**



"He does look like us from behind," Jia Jia said.



**“The polar bears belong in the same family as us,” Kai Kai said, with a yawn.
“I guess so,” Jia Jia said. “We are one family who knows how important beauty sleep is.”
Kai Kai nodded and said nothing more.**



**Jia Jia found a nice spot to finish her food slowly.
Then, she noticed someone behind the trees.**



“Hello,” Jia Jia called out. “Have you eaten?”
“Yes, so good of you to ask,” a voice replied.
“I hope you like the sulphur bamboo. It is grown here.”



**“It tastes a bit different from the bamboo back home,” said Jia Jia.
“But it is yummy!”**



“Good! I’m glad to hear that. By the way, I’m Hong.”
“Hong, thank you for preparing the food for us!” Jia Jia said. “Where are you from?”



“China,” said Hong. “I also have family in Myanmar, Bhutan and Nepal.”



**“Did you find it hard to fit in here?” Jia Jia asked.
“I was a bit anxious when I first came,” said Hong.
“But now, I have many friends here!”**



**“I hope to make many friends too,” said Jia Jia.
“Yes, we can’t wait to meet all our neighbours!” said Kai Kai, who had woken up.**



**“Actually, we all can’t wait to meet you too,” said Hong.
He whistled.**



Fu, a golden pheasant, appeared. He nodded to Hong and then flew off.



Soon, Fu returned with a crowd of friendly faces.



“Wah! I feel at home already!” Jia Jia exclaimed.

About Giant Pandas

Giant pandas are one of the eight types of bears. There used to be many more giant pandas but now there are only about 1,600 of them living in the bamboo forests of China. Many parts of their forest homes have been destroyed as humans compete for space to live in and grow their crops. The Chinese government now protects the forest homes of the giant pandas. It also established a network of over 50 giant panda reserves nationwide to save the species. By doing so, they are also protecting the red pandas, golden pheasants and other animals that live in the bamboo forests.

Did you know?

- Giant pandas bleat, bark and chirp to ‘talk’ to one another.
- When fully grown, Kai Kai and Jia Jia can weigh as much as 130kg and stand as tall as 1.6m.
- Kai Kai and Jia Jia sleep half of the day and stay awake half of the night. And unlike their bear cousins, they do not hibernate.
- More than 99% of a giant panda’s diet is made up of bamboo and they can eat over 20kg of bamboo every day. That’s the equivalent of eating 100 bowls of rice!

Get more fascinating facts on giant pandas at www.pandas.riversafari.com.sg today!

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