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Joyfully As Global Panda Ambassador Dedicated Promoting Indonesian- China Culture

Exclusive Interview with Indonesian Ambassador to China and Mongolia H.E Djauhari Oratmangun

H.E Djauhari Oratmangun, Indonesian Ambassador to China & Mongolia has another title probably unknown to most people - “Global Promotion Ambassador for Giant Panda Culture “. Just like how he is , Mr Zhou Haoli (his well know Chinese name to public) has always been with greatest enthusiasm to experience ordinary Chinese people’s life, and actively promoting culture cooperation between Indonesia and China to bring closer friendship between the two countries.



H.E Djauhari Oratmangun, Indonesian Ambassador to China & Mongolia in Chengdu Panda Zoo.

Q: Mr Ambassador , as the “Global Promotion Ambassador for Giant Panda Culture”, could you share the main cultural promotion programs in the second half of this year?

A: First of all, with the gradual improvement of the global pandemic situation, our embassy will start to conduct more series of offline cultural promotion activities, such as to promote Indonesian traditional art in Guangzhou this month, “Beijing International Cultural Exchange Exhibition” in Beijing and at following month “Indonesian Investment, Trade and Cultural Exchange Week” will also be held in Shandong .During the event period, there will be many Southeast Asian media covering news on



Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun’s certificate as ambassador for Giant Panda Culture.

relevant subjects. We believe that positive effects from face-to-face communication the offline meetings are hardly to achieve. Therefore, within our best we plan to organize more productive offline promotion activities to strengthen cultural exchanges between Indonesia and China.

Q: Some people like panda’s “honesty and innocent”, while others like panda’s bright smile or cute ; some people even say that the black and white appearance of giant panda can keep people’s inner Yin and Yang balance”. What attracts you most about pandas ?

A: It must be the panda’s smile, because it is an animal that can make people happy, especially the elderly and children who will be truly happy when they visit pandas and also giant pandas can open up people’s hearts. In addition, black and white looking not only represents Yin and Yang elements of China traditional belief , but also brings people an inexplicable tranquility and balance.

Q: Indonesia as the 16th country in the world rented giant pandas from China. At present, “Cai Tao” and “Fu Chun” are also the stars at Taman Safari Bogor. Pandas serve as “China’s diplomatic ties” of culture, what other areas will you suggest to deepen the culture cooperation between China and Indonesia?



Journalists conduct online interviews with Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun.

A: I think the cultural aspect between the two countries is not limited to traditional music and art. Both country people should “go out “ more with mutual visits to understand each other. In addition, both countries should continue to promote and publicize their world renown traditional products ,such as Indonesian coffee or Chinese herbal medicine etc; in addition, the key historical attractions in Indonesia and China, especially those are listed by UNESCO need to be exposed more to publicity ,such as Borobudur temple, Bali thousand-year-old rice irrigation system and giant dragons at Komodo Park in Labuan Bajo etc.

Q: Chengdu and Medan are sister cities and share many similarities. In what areas do you think the two cities can carry out in-depth cooperation in the near future?

I think both are “food heaven” ! Chengdu with well known spicy cuisine while Medan with a large Indonesian Chinese population still retains with great traditional Chinese classic food culture. Secondly, these two cities are famous for their

friendly hospitality, and if you meet someone who you share with great conversation , most likely you will be invited to dining table . The sample of cooperation between Chengdu and Medan can be learned and referred to more cities, especially with ones at eastern part of Indonesia, such as the capital of Maluku province — Ambon, or a diving paradise in northern part — Manado. In fact, before the pandemic, Sichuan Airlines already directly flew to some major cities in Indonesia. I hope during my shortly on-going plan to Sichuan will not only accelerate the further cooperation between Chengdu and other Indonesian cities, but also achieve an agreement with more direct flights from Chengdu.

In the end, Mr ambassador said that he was very proud of having this title since 2018 . “Being as the ‘Global Promotion Ambassador for Giant Panda Culture’ to continue to promote mutual understanding between Indonesia & Chinese and strengthen the closer cooperation between the two countries is my greatest wish”.(*)

Panda Palace Indonesia at Taman Safari Bogor.

