

Tuesday, 3 August 2010

30 year Sister City relationship celebrated with photo exhibition

An exhibition featuring stunning photographs by two renowned wildlife photographers will launch this week, celebrating the 30th anniversary of Sydney's Sister City relationship with Nagoya, Japan.

"Sydney and Nagoya share a very special sister city relationship and we are excited to celebrate our 30 year anniversary in 2010," said Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Phillip Black.

"This inspiring photo exhibition is the perfect way to recognise the bond between our two cities and further develop the Sister Zoo relationship between Taronga Zoo in Sydney and Nagoya Higashiyama Zoo in Japan".

The photography exhibition is presented by the City of Sydney and the Sydney-Nagoya Sister City Committee in recognition of the friendship and goodwill between the two cities.

It features animal portraits taken by wildlife photographer and official photographer of the Friends of Higashiyama Zoo Association Hirofumi Matsushima, alongside photographs taken at Taronga Zoo in Sydney and Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo by award-winning Sydney photographer, Rick Stevens.

Several animals featured in the photographs, including Koalas, Western Lowland Gorillas and François' Langurs, are involved in conservation breeding exchange programs between the two zoos and illustrate the effectiveness of international co-operation between zoos in conservation and education.

Taronga Zoo Director and Chief Executive, Cameron Kerr, said: "This exhibition is an example of the strong international relationship between Nagoya and Sydney and their zoos, as we work to inspire people from all walks of life to conserve our natural habitat".

"The remarkable ability of both photographers is obvious as they reveal the inspirational beauty of wildlife which highlights the great diversity of nature".

Taronga and Nagoya Higashiyama became Sister Zoos in 1996.

Sydney Nagoya Sister Zoo Photo Exhibition

Dates: Tuesday 3rd August - Thursday 26th August 2010
Where: The Fountain Court, Parliament of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney
When: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm
Admission: Free

The exhibition will be launched on Wednesday 4 August 2010 at 10:45am by the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Phillip Black.

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