



# Race Against Time

Tiger Day at Zoo Negara, 16 December 2007



“Did you know that tigers are in trouble? Only about 500 tigers are left in Malaysian jungles, and less than 3000 tigers left in the world!

We save our tigers and tigers will protect our forests. Tiger poachers should be ashamed and be sent to jail.

Hundreds of tigers are killed and traded every year for their parts.

Please help tigers and support our petition to the government to amend the law now!”

Tigers and people share the same world. They were here before us but because of us, the King of the Jungle is about to disappear forever. Saving tigers means saving forests that give us clean air and water.

Tiger Junior Ranger Brandon Koh, 11, could not have put it better, as he spoke at MYCAT’s Race Against Time, a joint project with Zoo Negara.

Please stop eating tiger meat and stop buying medicine and ornaments made from tiger parts and stop destroying tiger’s home.

He echoed MYCAT’s aim to raise concern among the public on the critical status of tigers and urgent need for action.



The event was part of MYCAT’s nationwide awareness campaign to reduce the incidence of people consuming tigers and tigers’ prey in all forms.

The day-long event saw many getting their hands dirty making plaster casts of tiger footprints, learning about the cruelty of snares, playing wildlife games and much more. Thousands took their first step in saving wild tigers by signing the petition for improved legislation.



## Race Against Time 2007 Vital Statistics

No. of zoo visitors	8,257
No. of visitors who visited at least 1 interactive booth	4,015
Total no. of signatures collected for the petition	5,831*
No. of signatures by adults (18 years and above)	4,210
No. of signatures by youth (Below 18 years)	1,621
No. of MYCAT volunteers + Tiger Junior & Senior Rangers	156

\* Including signatures collected by the Tiger Junior Rangers prior to the event.

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Tiger Ambassadors Ning Baizura, Vince Chong, Rina Omar, Aishah Sinclair, Yasin, Susan Lankester, Xandria Ooi, Chelsia Ng, Maple Loo and Corinne Adrienne launched the Tiger Crime Hotline, the 24-hour hotline for SMS reports on crimes against tigers and tigers’ prey.

Signatures for the urgent amendment of the Protection of Wildlife Act 1972, which needs a major facelift to fight today’s crime against wildlife.



Tiger Junior Rangers tirelessly collected signatures for the petition.

