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Hope For Malaysian Tigers

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This September 2020, RIMAU is two years old. The last 24 months has been action packed - RIMAU has been involved in discussions with government, helped spreading awareness on the plight of the Malayan tiger, collaborated with various organisations, raised funds and set up together with Perak State Park Corporation the Menraq Patrolling Unit in Royal Belum.

In the first eight months we worked closely with the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (PERHILITAN) and the Ministry of Land, Water and Natural Resources (KATS) to help with a new "Save our Malayan Tiger" national campaign. We provided Perhilitan with a campaign logo, website and video featuring Tun Siti Hasmah to help launch the movement. RIMAU was asked to help present to the Chief of Police's office and the Chief of Defence Forces. The campaign was launched by the Honourable Minister Dr Xavier Jayakumar in April 2019 on World Wildlife Day where RIMAU also had a booth. We continued to support the campaign by providing new videos to reach the Malaysian audience. RIMAU was also invited to sit on National Biodiversity Roundtable consisting of members from civil society, academia and private sector to serve as an advisor to the Ministry.



In the last two years we have collaborated with various organisations to increase the reach and to find new audiences for our message of saving the Malayan tiger. We partnered with Pantun Pins to create a limited edition tiger pin that has now become the emblem of the "Selamatkan Harimau Malaya" campaign. It was given to all members of the cabinet and worn by the Minister at all times. We partnered with the Selangor Youth Community where RIMAU was chosen as a beneficiary for the Selangor Criterium Series bicycle race and special RIMAU medals were given to the winners. We have also partnered with Little Rimba, where their mascot Chombi was given to us to use for the wall mural painted in Gerik and special mention in their restaurant menu. We have also worked with Sunway University, Rimau Racing, Rage Cafe and Lindees to raise awareness and funds.

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RIMAU has celebrated two Global Tiger Days and in both occasions we have taken the approach to celebrate outside Kuala Lumpur in areas of the tiger habitat. In 2019, we took the celebration to Gerik, Perak - the gateway to tiger country. This is where many poachers stock up on supplies, equipment and food. Working with the local council, they built us a wall in the most popular recreational spot - Taman Inai - where we painted a double sided mural. During the event, HRH Sultanah of Perak, Tuanku Zara Salim and her two children completed the painting. Rimau set up exhibition panels in Malay where the locals soaked up the information and photographs on display. It was here that we pledge our first RM50,000 to the setting up of the Menraq Patrol Unit in Royal Belum.

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The objective of the Menraq Patrol Unit is to enhance the protection of wildlife in Royal Belum State Park especially the Malayan Tiger by supplementing boots on the ground to carry out regular anti-poaching patrolling with Perak State Park Corporation. It will also nurture a sense of ownership in wildlife conservation within local indigenous communities in Royal Belum State Park. Menraq means people in the Jahai language. The Jahai ethnic group have made Royal Belum their home for centuries. Currently, 14 rangers have been selected and trained as the Menraq Patrol Unit from the village of Tanhain. Their graduation ceremony was held in Royal Belum during the Global Tiger Day celebrations 2020 with a special congratulatory message from HRH Sultan Nazrin.



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SHAQ KOYOK SHARING HIS EXPERIENCES THROUGH HIS PAINTINGS



SHAQ KOYOK DOING AN ART WORKSHOP

Rimau celebrated Global Tiger Day 2020 with the orang Jahai community of Kampung Tanhain. We provided a food package for each of the 22 families living in the village, batik sarongs for the women and Rimau t-shirts for the children. We organised an art and weaving workshop with renowned orang asli artist Shaq Koyok while Lau Ching Foong from Perak State park gave the community a talk about animals in their habitat and arranged for junior Menraq rangers to set up and retrieve camera traps in the jungle. At the graduation ceremony, Menraq rangers were given a recognition certificate and a parang from MYParang. Rimau did workbooks for the children in 3 languages - Malay, Jahai and English. A face artist came to help make the children's performance more special for them. Yayasan Hasanah kindly sponsored part of the event.



FONG WITH JUNIOR MENRAQ RANGERS



KIDS HAVING FUN WITH FACE PAINTING



DAVID GIVING FOOD PACKAGES TO THE FAMILIES, DATO VINOD GIVING THE MENRAQ BOYS SUPPLIES AND DATIN WIN GIVING THE WOMEN BATIK SARONGS

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RIMAU has been fortunate to have conversations with key influencers in the country. These include Tun Dr Siti Hasmah, Dato Dr Xavier Jayakumar, Syed Saddiq, HH Tengku Amir Shah and HRH Sultan Nazrin. These can be viewed on Rimau's social media platforms.



DIALOGUE WITH THE MINISTER OF FINANCE



YAYASAN HASANAH - HASANAH SPECIAL GRANT



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Vice President of Rimau, David Mizan Hashim, has been busy working on the "Walking with Tigers" project. Life sized tigers made in fibreglass will be painted by influential Malaysian artist to produce one of a kind artworks. We have commissioned TAKSU Gallery to prepare the catalogue and organise the exhibition. Due to Covid-19 however, the project has been postponed to a later date.



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David Hashim has also been instrumental in fund-raising for RIMAU. We have over forty Honorary Members of RIMAU which have contributed generously to our cause. Dato Vinod Sekhar and Datin Winy donated RM100,000 in August 2020 and have promised to support us further.



PRESENTATION OF A COLOUR PENCIL DRAWING BY HON MEMBER SHARON KOW TO DATO VINOD AND DATIN WINY FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO RIMAU

I am grateful to all our volunteers and committee members that have given their time and support in our goal to preserve the Malayan Tiger. It would have been impossible to achieve so much in the last two years without their contribution. I thank you and hope that we can do more in the next few years.

President
Lara Ariffin



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