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Dear Mr Yong:

I hope this note and the delicious enclosed fortune cookies find you well.

As you likely know, this Lunar New Year is the Year of the Tiger. We feel this makes 2022 the perfect time for Dreamworld to show some compassion for big cats by committing to end displays involving human-tiger interactions and ceasing tiger breeding. After all, as the cookie points out, "Tigers are not theme park attractions"!

No reputable sanctuary making a genuine conservation effort would reduce these majestic wild animals to theme park attractions and subject them to unnatural human interactions. Nor would it continue to breed new animals only to exploit them, subject them to patting by children, or parade them through workplaces.

The practice of allowing patrons to feed these naturally wild animals is dangerous – not only for humans, who could easily be badly injured, but also for the big cats, who are susceptible to catching SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 in humans and other animals. In 2020, a captive tiger in Sweden was euthanised when she developed extreme respiratory distress after contracting the illness from a staff member.

Quite simply, animals are not ours to use for entertainment. To be taken seriously as conservationists, Dreamworld must stop putting tigers in harmful, unnatural surroundings and situations for profit.

We hope you will contemplate this as you enjoy your cookies and decide to make 2022 a lucky year for tigers.

Kind regards,



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