



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cavite
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR
Trece Martires City

7 February 2022

HON. AGNES D. TOLENTINO
City Mayor
City of Tagaytay, Cavite

Dear Mayor Tolentino:

Greetings!

May I respectfully endorse for your appropriate action the attached 1 February 2022 letter of Ms. Lex of Lady Freethinker, regarding her inquiries on the alleged inhumane conditions of animals in Zoo at Residence Inn (ZOORI), Tagaytay City, Cavite.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


JUANITO VICTOR C. REMULLA
Governor

Copy furnished : **MS. LEX**
Through email at campaigns@ladyfreethinker.org

Fwd: MEDIA INQUIRY: Atrocious conditions for animals at 5 Filipino zoos

From: ask@cavite.gov.ph (ask@cavite.gov.ph)

To: rhizaenero.opgcavite@yahoo.com

Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022, 09:13 AM GMT+8

Ma'am Rhiza,

Forwarding to you an email regarding media inquiry on atrocious conditions of animals in Tagaytay. We also advised the sender to directly communicate with the local government of Tagaytay for his inquiry.

For your information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

PICAD

----- Original Message -----

Subject: MEDIA INQUIRY: Atrocious conditions for animals at 5 Filipino zoos

Date: 2022-02-01 07:24

From: campaigns ladyfreethinker.org <campaigns@ladyfreethinker.org>

To: "ask@cavite.gov.ph" <ask@cavite.gov.ph>

Dear Gov. of Cavite Hon. Juanito Victor C. Remulla Jr. and Mayor of Tagaytay Agnes D. Tolentino:

My name is Lex, and I am a reporter with US media organization Lady Freethinker. I hope this finds you well.

I am reaching out today because we recently released investigative findings about concerning conditions for animals at five zoos in the Philippines, which included big cats kept chained and used as photo props, as well as malnourished animals and filthy conditions.

I am reaching out to you specifically because one of these facilities -- Zoori at Residence Inn -- is within your jurisdiction.

You can view the reports and documented conditions at the following links:

* Our investigative landing page is here:

<https://ladyfreethinker.org/ft-investigates-big-cat-selfies-at-philippines-zoos/>

[1]

* Our news report is here:

<https://ladyfreethinker.org/ft-undercover-investigation-reveals-horrific-conditions-at-5-popular-philippines-zoos/>

[2]

* Our petition to improve conditions, which has now been signed by more than 40,000 people, is here:

<https://ladyfreethinker.org/sign-justice-for-sick-and-starving-animals-forced-to-pose-for-selfies-at-5-horrific-philippines-zoos/>

[3]

I am hoping to hear from you by Friday, Feb. 4, but please let me know if that is not enough time.

Questions:

* Can you please tell me whether you were aware of these conditions, whether you find them concerning, and if you have any authority to improve conditions for these animals?

* Can you please let me know if you have offered any support to these facilities to improve conditions for animals?

* It is not humane for multiple visitors to crowd around a chained tiger or for these facilities to be using wild animals as photo props; Forced human-animal interactions are unnatural and cause stress to animals. Are you concerned about this treatment? If so, are you willing to respectfully ask or require these facilities to end these inhumane and dangerous interactions?

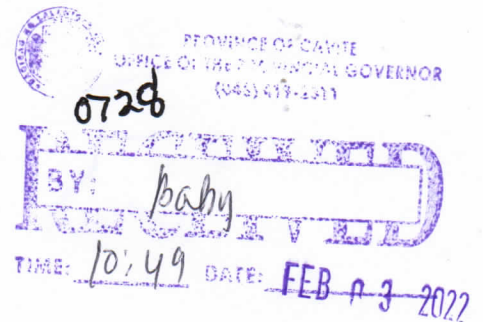
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Lex

Campaigns Staff/ Lady Freethinker

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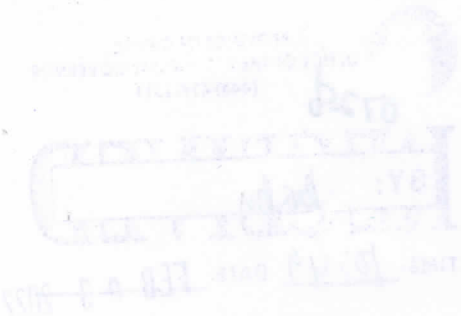


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RICARD

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Subject: MEDIA INQUIRY: Atrocious conditions for animals at 5 Filipino zoos

Date: 2023-03-04 07:24

From: Campaigns ladyfreethinker.org <campaigns@ladyfreethinker.org>

To: "rickard@carite.gov.ph" <rickard@carite.gov.ph>

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- [3] * Our undercover investigation reveals horrific conditions at 5 popular Philippine zoos: [https://ladyfreethinker.org/ft-undercover-investigation-reveals-horrific-conditions-at-5-popular-philippines-zoos/](#)

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