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FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO WELCOMES NEW TIGER, BATARI, TO KINGDOMS OF ASIA EXHIBIT

Fresno, CA — Fresno Chaffee Zoo has welcomed their newest addition to the Zoo, an 8-year-old female Malayan tiger named Batari.

Batari arrived in September from the Tulsa Zoo and is settling into her new home well. She is starting to explore her habitat in Kingdoms of Asia, where guests can now see her.

Batari joins Fresno Chaffee Zoo as a match for Penari, the Zoo's male Malayan tiger, but since tigers are a naturally solitary species, visitors can most often see them in their own individual habitats at the Zoo.

The effort to bring these animals together is part of a Species Survival Plan (SSP) facilitated by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Malayan tigers are critically endangered in their natural habitat, so these programs are crucial to keeping the population of this species healthy and stable for the long-term future.

"Our Zoo is excited to support the conservation efforts of the Malayan tiger SSP in this way," said Nicole Presley, the Zoo's General Curator. "Kingdoms of Asia was designed with the intention to have more space for pairing, and we are happy to bring that goal to fruition. We are hopeful that there could be tiger cubs in the Zoo's future."

Batari's arrival at the Zoo is a reminder of the essential role AZA-accredited facilities play in animal conservation. Fresno Chaffee Zoo is proud to support this critical work and share Batari's journey as part of its mission to inspire people to care for animals, create connections, build community, and save wildlife.

Visitors can now see Batari at Fresno Chaffee Zoo's Kingdoms of Asia exhibit. Make sure to give her a warm welcome.

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