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Interview – Jon Forrest Dohlin- Director and CEO of Fresno Chaffee Zoo

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KINGDOMS OF ASIA FINAL EXHIBIT COMPLETELED

Now Open

Fresno (July 29, 2024) – Fresno Chaffee Zoo is excited to announce the final cap stone to Kingdoms of Asia, is now completed and ready for guests to enjoy. The exhibit brings back Malaysian Tapir, Babirusa, a species of Asian pig all in one shared space and soon Muntjac, a small species of deer.

“This new exhibit is one of the most transformative experiences at the Zoo in the last five years. We’ve built this beautiful Kingdoms of Asia exhibit, the last piece is in place now, a repurposing of the old elephant and rhino exhibit into something modern and aesthetically pleasing and good for the animals,” said Director and CEO Jon Forrest Dohlin. “I think it’s what the community has been waiting for and we’re proud to unveil it.”

The space is one of the oldest parts of the Zoo that originally housed Nosey the elephant when she arrived back in 1949. This area was also the original home for the greater one-horned rhino. Today, guests will be able to see three species coexisting in the habitat from several overlooks. The exhibit was created with the animals in mind, taking an area that was outdated and was no longer fit for the animals that used to once inhabit the space and now has been turned into something lush, immersive, and appropriate for new species and animals in the Zoo’s care.

The Zoo looks forward to welcoming guests to this immersive experience and hope they walk away with a newfound appreciation for the geography, people and wildlife of Southeast Asia.

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Centrally located in Fresno, California, Fresno Chaffee Zoo is a 39-acre [Association of Zoos and Aquariums](#) (AZA) accredited zoo. It is home to over 200 different species and features WOW exhibits—from Sea Lion Cove to African Adventure—that teach guests about animals all across the globe and the conservation efforts to protect them. The Zoo welcomes over 800,000 guests annually, offering a world-class guest experience and conservation education to all who visit. The mission of Fresno Chaffee Zoo is to inspire people to care for animals, create connections, build community, and save wildlife.

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