

**Dear Excellency**

I would like to express both my concern over the deplorable practice of bear farming and my sincerest appreciation to the Government authorities in China for their admirable work towards eliminating such a practice.

The agreement between the Animals Asia Foundation and the Government departments of the Beijing China Wildlife Conservation Association (CWCA) and the Sichuan Forestry Department (SFD), to rescue 500 suffering and endangered moon bears, is one of the most remarkable and significant steps ever taken to address the welfare of individual animals, as well as the conservation of a species as a whole and I applaud their efforts wholeheartedly.

In recent years, China has experienced dramatic change and growth in all areas, which has led to an increased interest in business investments and tourism opportunities from the international community. It would seem only natural that these advances should extend to ending such mediaeval and disgraceful practices as bear farming, which have no place in our civilised world.

I implore you to add your voice and encouragement to the growing call from within China and right across the world, to end bear farming. Please support the good work of Animals Asia, the CWCA and SFD and urgently help their endeavours to end this barbaric and unnecessary industry once and for all.

Yours respectfully,

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