

## **Why “Le Le” and “Ying Ying” are chosen?**

“Name the Giant Pandas” activity organised by the Home Affairs Bureau has attracted 13,000 entries during the 10-day period from April 2 to 11. Each entry proposes one pair of names for the male giant panda cub “606” and the female giant panda cub “610”. Discounting duplications, a total of 6,700 pairs of names were collected, the majority received through the panda web site.

The five-member adjudication panel unanimously chose “Le Le” and “Ying Ying” as the best entry. Indeed, “Le Le” is the single most popular name put forward by over 1,000 participants, with 70% proposing the name for the male and 30% for the female. The word “Le” represents happiness, joy and optimism, and suits eminently the active character of giant panda “606”.

Having decided on the name of the male panda, the adjudication panel went on to identify the name for the female. Amongst over 150 female names matching “Le Le”, the panel decided that “Ying Ying” provided the perfect match. The word “Ying” represents fullness, femininity and adequacy, and brings out the lovely character of giant panda “610”. Altogether 19 entries proposed “Le Le” and “Ying Ying”.

Taken together, the pair of names symbolises prosperity and happiness in Hong Kong. This is extremely meaningful as we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the new pair is a gift representing the Central People’s Government’s care and concern for Hong Kong. Hong Kong welcome “Le Le” and “Ying Ying” joining “An An” and “Jia Jia”, and wish them a happy life in Ocean Park, fulfilling their mission of building a family here

The Home Affairs Bureau would like to thank the adjudicating panel, all the participants and the media for supporting the “Name the Giant Pandas” activity.

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