



April 14, 2011

Richard Sneider
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Dear Mr. Sneider:

On behalf of Conservation International, I would like to thank One World and Unger Fabrik for their support, as well as your personal participation, in the China Program and specifically for your support of our work on giant pandas environmental sustainability program, and specifically to CI's Sichuan Panda Conservation program.

As an emerging economic superpower, China's developmental footprint reaches far beyond its borders. Its growing need for energy, timber, minerals, and other natural resources will inevitably increase the demands on global ecosystems and on nascent efforts at sustainable use. Fortunately, Beijing is making a determined effort to address the myriad environmental problems that afflict China. CI sees a great opportunity to share our science and expertise to help the country become a global conservation leader.

China is a megadiversity country and is home to a wide variety of habitats and a great diversity of species-wide environment, ranging from the subtropical to alpine. It also has within its borders two of the world's biodiversity hotspots, and it's amazing fauna includes animals found nowhere else, among them, in addition to the giant panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*), the golden monkeys (*Rhinopithecus* spp.), the Chinese alligator (*Alligator sinensis*), and many others.

CI has always worked with bold determination on a broad conservation canvas, and none is bigger than China. It has the ability to use the mighty engines of its enormous and rapid growth to set the example and guide the world toward embracing the ethic of sustainable development. As its partner, CI is helping China achieve this objective and place biodiversity protection and its fundamental role in human well-being squarely on the global agenda.

We are grateful for your concern and support of the Pandas and of China's environmental sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell A. Mittermeier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'R'.

Russell A. Mittermeier, Ph.D.
President