

Baring All for a Good Cause

- (1) Er Shun and Ji Li are two giant panda bears destined to make the trip from China to Canada.
- (2) The pair will live in Toronto for five years and then in Calgary for five years.
- (3) The giant panda is an endangered species that is unique to China.
- (4) To the Chinese, it is more than just a cute and cuddly animal.
- (5) It is a powerful symbol.
- (6) If China agrees to loan a panda bear to another country, it's a sure sign of warm diplomatic relations.
- (7) In this case, the offer came during a recent four-day visit to China by Prime Minister Stephen Harper.
- (8) The Calgary and Toronto zoos will have to pay a \$1-million-a-year "lending fee" to the Chinese government as part of the deal, The Vancouver Sun reported.
- (9) The Chinese will put that money towards conserving panda habitats in China.
- (10) The hope is that each zoo will more than make up for the \$5-million it spends through increased sales of tickets and merchandise.

語注

bare あらわ[むき出し]にする for a good cause 大義名分のために

- (1) be destined to …する運命にある
- (3) endangered 絶滅寸前の
- (4) cuddly 抱き締めたくなるような
- (6) diplomatic 外交(上)の
- (8) deal 取引、契約
- (9) conserve 保存[保護]する habitat 生息地
- (10) make up for …の埋め合わせをする