



PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

Leo Kung Lin-cheng, GBS, JP
Chair
Ocean Park Hong Kong

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Dear Mr Kung,

In view of the imminent operational crisis facing Ocean Park and its effort to obtain an unprecedented urgent bailout of HK\$5.4 billion from the HKSAR government, we have an exciting proposition for you: PETA will donate HK\$2 million towards building a seaside sanctuary this year in exchange for a binding agreement stipulating that you will release the dolphins, sea lions, and other marine animals Ocean Park is now denying any semblance of happiness or a natural life.

The government's proposed effort to chart the way forward for Ocean Park offers an invaluable and timely opportunity for the facility to retire the marine animals suffering in its concrete cells and turn itself into a modern family attraction. In a seaside sanctuary, these wonderful, complex, emotional, and intelligent animals could finally be able to dive to great depths, feel ocean currents, and live as they should, all while receiving food and veterinary care. This is your moment to do the right thing and win back hundreds of thousands of families who now steer clear of what they rightly perceive to be *abusement* parks.

The world is rapidly moving away from the use of animals as living amusements. It's no longer considered acceptable to deny them their natural lives and hold them in captivity. Two whales have been moved from a marine park in China to a seaside sanctuary in Iceland. In the US, the National Aquarium is moving the dolphins in its care to a seaside sanctuary, and The Whale Sanctuary Project just announced plans for a seaside sanctuary for rescued orcas and belugas in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Please, let us know that you will seize this opportunity to do right by these animals at long last.

Sincerely,

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