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Presenting Sponsor and Conservation Donor CapitaLand welcomes giant pandas Kai Kai and Jia Jia

***CapitaLand's 10-year sponsorship supports conservation and research
efforts under the Giant Panda Collaborative Programme***

Singapore, 6 September 2012 – CapitaLand Limited joined Wildlife Reserves Singapore (WRS) in welcoming the two giant pandas – male panda “Kai Kai” (凱凱) and his female companion “Jia Jia” (嘉嘉) – to Singapore this morning. CapitaLand Limited is the Presenting Sponsor and Conservation Donor of the 10-year Giant Panda Collaborative Programme between WRS and China Wildlife Conservation Association (CWCA). The collaboration aims to enhance awareness for the conservation of these gentle creatures and the development of a breeding programme for these critically endangered animals.

Among the distinguished guests present at JetQuay CIP Terminal at Changi Airport to witness the arrival of Kai Kai and Jia Jia in Singapore were Guest-of-Honour Mr Teo Ser Luck, Minister of State for Trade and Industry; Mr S R Nathan, Chairman of CapitaLand Hope Foundation; Mr Ng Kee Choe, Chairman of CapitaLand Group; Mr Liew Mun Leong, President and CEO of CapitaLand Group and Director of CapitaLand Hope Foundation; and Ms Jennie Chua, Director of CapitaLand Hope Foundation.

This follows a farewell ceremony at Ya'an Bifengxia Panda Base the day before. At the ceremony, children from CapitaLand Muchuan Green Hope School, Sichuan presented Guest-of-Honour, Mr Lee Yi Shyan, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of National Development, with a scroll painting symbolic of Sichuan children's well wishes for Kai Kai and Jia Jia as they depart from China. Joining the farewell ceremony were local authorities; CWCA representatives; and Mr Lim Ming Yan, Chief Operating Officer of CapitaLand Limited.

CapitaLand's sponsorship supports giant panda conservation efforts to build infrastructure including the pandas' habitat; extend care of pandas and related facilities for collaborative research and conservation; promote the breeding of this extremely endangered animal by replicating the conditions suitable to naturally or artificially assisting the reproduction of giant pandas in Singapore; and panda husbandry and care in captivity.

CapitaLand Hope Foundation (CHF), CapitaLand's philanthropic arm, is also supportive of the Programme. CHF will work in partnership with WRS to develop educational programmes and materials to engage underprivileged children and showcase the importance of wildlife conservation, so that they too, can contribute towards biodiversity.

Mr S R Nathan, Chairman of CapitaLand Hope Foundation, said: “CapitaLand Hope Foundation is pleased to give its full support to the Giant Panda Collaborative Programme. It is another important event in the growing cultural exchanges with the People’s Republic of China. It will be an important opportunity to educate our younger Singaporeans on cherishing, caring and being responsible for our ecosystem – the habitat we share as a global community. Conservation of critically endangered animals such as the giant pandas is key to encouraging biodiversity preservation and in our efforts to care for Mother Nature.”

Mr Ng Kee Choe, Chairman of CapitaLand Group, said: “The Giant Panda Collaborative Programme reflects the close friendship between Singapore and China. As a Singapore-headquartered company with a strong presence in China, CapitaLand is happy to be the Presenting Sponsor and Conservation Donor of the collaboration. CapitaLand looks forward to the start of an exciting journey of this 10-year effort to enhance awareness for the conservation of giant pandas and develop a breeding programme for these gentle creatures.”

Mr Liew Mun Leong, President and CEO of CapitaLand Group, and Director of CapitaLand Hope Foundation, said: “CapitaLand’s role as the Presenting Sponsor and Conservation Donor of the Giant Panda Collaborative Programme resonates with the Group’s core values of ‘People’ and ‘Community’. The programme provides an excellent platform to enhance cultural exchange and understanding between Singapore and China, and promote wildlife conservation education, CapitaLand is committed to sustainability in all our development projects in the geographies we operate and we are pleased to be part of this meaningful effort to conserve and share the beauty of wildlife with our future generations.”

The giant pandas represent the close diplomatic relations between Singapore and China. The collaboration, sealed at a signing ceremony on 12 November 2009 in the presence of President Hu Jintao and Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, will enhance cultural exchange and understanding between the two countries and further strengthen the strong relationship between Singapore and China.

CapitaLand’s conservation donation attests to the Group’s long-term commitment in China and is its gift to Singapore.

About CapitaLand Limited

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About CapitaLand Hope Foundation

CapitaLand Hope Foundation, CapitaLand's philanthropic arm, was established in 2005 to further CapitaLand's corporate social responsibility commitment to build a better future for underprivileged children. Its focus is to support programmes for the shelter, education and healthcare needs of underprivileged children in Singapore and overseas.

Every year, CapitaLand allocates up to 0.5% of its net profit to the Foundation. Please visit www.capitalandhopefoundation.com for more information about CapitaLand Hope Foundation.

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