Construction has begun on Nepal’s first center committed to alleviating poverty and ensuring a sustainable future for people and red pandas.

On May 24th, Ghanendra Maden, District Coordination Committee Chairperson for Taplejung district and Bam Bahadur Bhattarai, Vice-Chairperson of Phungling Municipality (location of the project site) laid the foundation stone for the Center for Conservation and Sustainable Living (CCSL).
Maden and Bhattarai laying foundation stone for CCSL project.

Located at 2,620 meters above sea level, inside a community-managed forest in the Eastern Himalayas, the CCSL will be an education and resource center for environmental conservation, skill-building and sustainable livelihoods. It will also be a demonstration site for green and eco-friendly construction practices. The CCSL is expected to be operational by 2021.

The ceremony was attended by local stakeholders and authorities, and Red Panda Network (RPN) Country Director, Ang Phuri Sherpa, and Program Development Manager, Haris Rai.

"This is a big milestone for us," said Sherpa. "The center will be iconic of our commitment to building a sustainable future for the people and wildlife of the Himalayas."
RPN team with local stakeholders at stone-laying ceremony.

Wild red panda during March 2019 ecotrip in Taplejung, Nepal.

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- Melissa Thueme, 2018 Ecotripper

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Happy Hollow Zoo opens red panda exhibit and commits to the preservation of this endangered species.

Many people say that a house isn’t a home without a dog (cat, hedgehog, anole, enter favored animal companion here). You could say something similar about a zoo—yes, technically you can have an excellent zoo without any red pandas in it at all, but why not bring the treasures of the Himalayas to town to tie the whole project together? San Jose’s Happy Hollow Park and Zoo has recently done that, opening a new red panda exhibit and bringing everyone’s favorite bamboo-based life form to a new city.

Happy Hollow had found itself with some unused exhibit space, along with the most musical phrase to non-profit ears, "interested donor." According to Conservation manager Charlotte Orr, the space was suited to a small-to-medium-sized species that was happy in a small group. Given the organization’s conservation focus, they wanted a species with an active Species Survival Plan through the Association of Zoos & Aquariums that Happy Hollow could support, and something with... charisma. Pizzazz. That certain something of which viral gifs are made.

A million-dollar donation in 2016 made it happen. Among the new projects Happy Hollow was able to take on from this generosity was a beautiful new exhibit for red pandas, complete with climate-controlled indoor area, fully-stocked bamboo buffet, and misters to keep the pandas comfortable when outside. From there, Happy Hollow looked for a red panda conservation group to partner with to continue the purpose of exhibiting them. Enter Red Panda Network.
Happy Hollow Zoo celebrated International Red Panda Day in 2018!

Interpretive sign at Happy Hollow's red panda exhibit.

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