

Tiger eyes napping concession from Putrajaya
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Japan is embracing the practice of power naps at work to boost efficiency. So should Malaysia, given our Look East Policy and all. In fact there are various benefits to be had from this practice and Tiger would be perfect for the job of enforcing this policy nationwide — as a sole concessionaire.

Tiger is feeling chirpy today but can't quite put its claw on why. Maybe it was the unusually Tigerrific peacock Tiger stumbled upon earlier, but Tiger has a feeling that it has more to do with this fantastic news Tiger found yesterday: more Japanese businesses are beginning to agree that taking naps at work increase efficiency.

Now as Tiger's fantastic fans are aware, Tiger loves napping. In fact Tiger spends most of his day with its eyes closed, dreaming of its soon-to-come corporate ascent. So Tiger's curiosity was piqued — how are Japanese businesses doing this?

The long and short of it is that Japan's health ministry recommended that workers take naps of up to 30 minutes and some companies have set aside siesta periods for their employees. There are even cafes for sleeping where you rent napping rooms by 10-minute blocks.

Fantastic isn't it? When Tiger's corporate empire takes off, this is definitely one of the first things Tiger will implement. In fact why not for Malaysia as well, what with the talk now of initiating the second wave of the Look East Policy (LEP 2.0)?

Maybe Tiger can propose this to the prime minister and ask for a concession to enforce this policy left, right and centre, grr....maybe the concession can include exclusive right to operate sleeping cafes in the country. Tiger's skillset fits perfectly with the job. And the money from its monopoly of sleeping cafes fits perfectly with Tiger's desires.

We already have Pemandu, maybe Tiger's concessionaire company can be Penidur Inc? (Tidur is sleep for you non-Malay speakers out there.)

Tiger can already envision some of the benefits that will follow this policy's implementation, especially among our public service (although the private sector would benefit too). Apart from the efficiency boost, the most obvious benefit must be all the savings — instead of our 'minum' breaks, we can all take power naps!

Now don't laugh just yet, living costs are on the rise remember? More so for mamak fare and coffee shop food, despite Hasan Malek, the Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister, assuring us that food prices would only rise by 0.1% following the last fuel price hike. So if we all forego all the excess coffee breaks and teh tarik sessions during work hours, imagine all the money we can save — with more money to spend elsewhere public servants especially will feel less of a pinch and Angkasa can breathe easier.

Of course Tiger doesn't like all these human food and prefers its free, tastier and 100% organic food choices in the jungle, but that is beside the point.

But speaking of eating less, that is also a benefit unto its own. For one we can all be healthier with the lessened sugar consumption. There are 2.6 million Malaysians aged 30 and above who are diabetic — according to the prime minister during Budget 2014 tabling — and in fact just last year the Obesity Prevention Council estimated that Malaysia has 3.6 million diabetic adults.

All these people could do with less sugar consumption and Tiger could do with concession income in ensuring they nap instead of consuming more sugar. Although maybe Tiger alone might find itself short-pawed to oversee 30 million people...should Tiger get the police force in to help?

Oh wait, Tiger should probably start with the police force as a trial run before looking at nationwide operational expansion. Remember two years back when then-Inspector General of Police Ismail Omar disclosed that heart problems and diabetes are the top two illnesses afflicting police personnel?

Now Tiger's face adorns the Royal Malaysia Police or PDRM logo, so having policemen who are grappling with these weight-related illnesses just won't do. How can Tiger's kindred predators (of criminals and national threats) be sickly?

First order of business will be enforcing the policy on the police force then..after all anyone using Tiger's likeness in a logo to represent it must live up to Tiger's standards. (Yes Proton, Tiger is staring at you too.)

Of course a jungle creature has pointed out that the Japanese can do this because they are extremely productive while Malaysia is...well, we're not so productive. But Tiger can sort that out later. Dear prime minister, can Tiger have this concession please?

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