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Media Advisory **Public Debut of Asian Elephants Kamala, Swarna and Maharani**

WHAT: The National Zoo's new three female Asian elephants—Kamala (39), Swarna (39) and Maharani (23)—will be out of quarantine and will have their public debut outside for the first time Monday, June 23.

WHEN: Monday, June 23
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Elephant Trails at Smithsonian's National Zoo
3001 Connecticut Ave. N.W.
Park in Bus Parking Lot, in the left lane along the bushes. Leave media credentials on your vehicle dashboard. When coming in from Connecticut Avenue, the bus parking lot is the first lot on the right, across from Lot A. Enter Olmstead Walk, head to the left to enter Asia Trail on the right, directly across from Panda Plaza.
(<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Visit/ZooMap/>)

WHO: Tony Barthel, curator
Marie Galloway, elephant manager

During their public debut, Kamala, Swarna and Maharani will explore one of their new habitats, part of the larger Elephant Trails exhibit. Media will have access to capture the elephants exploring a portion of their new home from a section of Asia Trail that overlooks Elephant Trails. Tony Barthel, curator for elephants, and Marie Galloway, elephant manager, will be available for interviews about the elephants June 23 from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

If planning to attend, RSVP to duhonm@si.edu or call 202-633-3055.

A complete press kit with more information on the elephants can be found [online](#).

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