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ROLY-POLY CUB. This July 22, 2017 photo released by the Tokyo Zoological Park Society shows a six-week-old giant panda cub that was born June 12 at the Ueno Zoo in Tokyo. Overnight, the baby panda became a celebrity in Japan. The zoo, Japan's oldest, has not yet shown the cub directly to the public, but Tokyo is starting to collect ideas for naming it. (Tokyo Zoological Park Society via AP)

TOKYO (AP) — Tokyo is starting to collect ideas for naming a new giant panda cub born at its Ueno Zoo.

The zoo, Japan's oldest, has not shown the cub born on June 12 directly to the public. But it released a video of the cub

showing the squeaky baby snuggling with its mother ShinShin. The roly-poly female cub already has the characteristic black and white giant panda pattern in its fur and its eyes have opened.

ShinShin's last cub was born in 2012 and

survived only six days. The newcomer appears to be thriving and is sure to draw huge crowds once it goes on display.

About 420 giant pandas live in captivity, mostly in their native China, while about 1,860 live in the wild.

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