

# Kung Hei Fat Choi! YEAR OF THE RAT

A new cycle. The Rat is the first of the Chinese zodiac signs, so the new lunar year is considered auspicious to new beginnings. One of the best-luck animals begins his reign on the 25th of January, which will bring strength and determination to all signs for their projects.



## Strength, prosperity and luck for almost every sign

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n January 25, one more lunar new year begins. We have come to the year of the Metal Rat. The Rat is one of the four Chinese zodiac animals with the most luck in relationships, so this year society will likely become more harmonious and distant to misfortunes, according to predictions by Hong Kong's feng shui master Peter So.

The Rat is the first sign of the Chinese zodiac, therefore marking the beginning of a new 12-year cycle. For this reason, this lunar year is characterized by new beginnings and renewals. It will be a year of strength, prosperity and luck for almost every sign of the Chinese zodiac. Everyone will be determined about their goals and aspirations, and it will be a good year to start projects or improve existing ones. Anyone planning to make investments, start a business or a long-term project has a good chance of having a great outcome.

Predictions say that the beginning of the year will bring good energy and a lot of creativity. The main element is metal, another change in this cycle, which fosters success in the new projects.

In Chinese culture, the Rat is considered a protector and a bearer of prosperity. So being, the lunar year of the Metal Rat will generally bring beneficial situations, opportunities, encounters with special people, luck and balance. Even the dilemmas and changes that arise will be toward getting out of the comfort zone and self-improvement. It will be up to each individual to understand the favourable situations they're faced with throughout this lunar year.

**MORE PROSPEROUS SIGNS:** Ox, Dragon, Monkey and Pig

LUCKY NUMBERS: 5, 7, 9

LUCKY DAYS: 4th, 8th, 13th and 22nd day of each month of the lunar calendar

**LUCKY COLORS:** White, yellow, blue, green, gray and black

#### **AUSPICIOUS DIRECTIONS:**

Southeast and northeast

### FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT

- Mozart
- Shakespeare
- George Washington
- Winston Churchill
- · Marlon Brando
- Scarlett Johansson
- Mark Zuckerberg`

**RABBIT:** The star of Hong Luan shines upon the sign of the Rabbit, which will bring much luck to desired and long-lasting romantic relationships. Single people will get the chance to meet someone special, and for those who are already committed to someone for quite some time, there's a good chance of getting married this year.

**ROOSTER:** The natives of this sign benefit from another star that brightens relationships, Tian Xi, which brings the same luck as the Rabbit's natives, but to a lesser extent. Single people should pay attention to potential relationships among people who already belong to their social circle, as well as attend more public places.





(1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008 and 2020)

#### Good year for building Wealth

The Rat natives will still benefit from the Xian Chi star, which enlightened them in the previous year and are encouraged to make an effort to meet someone special in the first months of the year. Even if the romance doesn't last, there is still a good chance of it turning into a serious relationship. In 2020, these natives may be consumed by negative thoughts, especially those born in 1984. It is necessary to find balance. If the weather allows, then spend more time with friends and travel more to unwind.

Nevertheless, this sign will bring good luck. The star Jin Gui will be in the Rat constellation for this year which literally means "golden chest," bringing wealth and profit. It will be possible for Rat natives to accumulate wealth, as this is the sign with the best perspective for making money this year.

For those who are entrepreneurs, in 2020, they will gain more power and a better reputation, which may help in achieving good business, while employees may attain more job responsibilities.

In relationships, there will be changes during this lunar year. Those in a serious relationship may take the step to marriage, and those who are single are encouraged to start a new relationship. For the younger natives (those born in 1996 and 1984), there is a high probability of having a child this year.

To bring luck on the financial side, the Rat natives should place a red object in the south quadrant of their homes. For health, a music box to the west. As for love and relationships in general, the year of the Rat will always be bright on this feature for these natives. For the remaining 11 years of the cycle, they may wear a rabbit-shaped accessory or place it in the eastern quadrant of the house.







(1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997 and 2009)

#### No big surprises ahead

Ox natives are aligned with this lunar year's regency. If they develop animosities, then they'll have to face changes and instability, but if they choose to join forces, then they'll head for stability. It is unexpected that in 2020 they'll switch jobs or houses, or have a shift in romantic affairs, so life will flow normally. Moreover, Ox natives should not expect an abounding professional year, nor feeling predisposed in this sense. This should be perceived as beneficial, as any minor changes will be solved in an orderly manner. So, there are no big surprises to be expected for Ox natives, and they may live according to their plans for this year.

In terms of their professional career, they may look forward to the support and advice from their superiors and for no misfortunes on the way. As for entrepreneurs, they will easily gain their customers' trust and may expect to be lucky in business, especially toward the end of the year.

The stars that illuminate the Ox in 2020 bring you help from others, namely from your superiors and professionally important people.

However, the star Tian Kong discourages the natives of this sign to make plans for the new year. They should only respond to changes that may occur.

To promote wealth, they should place a glass of water to the north, and for health, a red object to the south. As for love, the Ox's luck comes in each Tiger year; therefore in 2020 and the remaining years governed by other animals, they should wear a Tiger-shaped object or place it in the northeast quadrant of their home.







#### The will of the Tiger leads to success

The star of mobility, Yi Ma, shines upon the Tiger throughout this year. This means that natives of this sign are likely to travel more and face changes in their professional environment and personal life, while unlikely to be exposed to conflicts or disagreements.

However, for the Tiger, there is no indication of good fortune or misfortune for this lunar year, which means that luck will depend more on each one's will rather than on the zodiac's influence. Therefore, it is on them to learn or to invest. So, namely, employees, are encouraged to undertake any rewarding activity, professional or academically.

Entrepreneurs may attempt new paths, but the best would be to keep what they already have, as much as possible.

In the Tiger constellation, there is only one positive star, which is not necessarily for luck. Mobility indicates that those on a positive plan will benefit from changes, but for those who aren't, they shouldn't waste time or energy on changes.

The remaining stars do not bring bad luck, but they may bring less enthusiasm to the Tiger natives.

In terms of career, those from the Tiger sign should keep their work as simple as possible throughout this year. As for love and health, it will be a smooth year. As for wealth, 2020 may be a year more of losses than winnings.

To have more luck in terms of money, put a stone in the southwest end of the house and for health, a glass of water to the north. As for love, the Ox is the ruler for the Tiger sign, so for the 11 years when another animal is ruling in the zodiac, an Ox-shaped object should be worn or placed in the northeast quadrant of the house.



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#### Great year for change and improvement

Following a very positive year for the natives of this sign in 2019, in the year 2020, the Rabbit is illuminated by the powerful Hong Luan star, drawing positive relationships, with lots of luck in love and good interactions with others, excelling even the previous year.

For those considering marriage, this will be the best time to go forward. Single people should also start a new relationship. However, there is another side to the coin. In this lunar year, the Rabbit will conflict with the ruler, which will bring some animosity to 2020. You'll feel impatient and more emotional.

In the professional field, this year will be for learning or investing. For the natives of this sign who feel like going for a change, they are encouraged to do so, and everyone is advised to invest in professional training. Employees must keep up to date to maintain their high competitiveness in the market.

In financial terms, more expenses are expected than the usual, so be advised to pay more attention to a financial balance in 2020. In love, single people will benefit more from the presence of the star Hong Luan and should meet more people from out of their social circle. As for health, this may be quite a troublesome year for the Rabbit natives. To be more fortunate, you should place a glass of water at home facing north, and for wealth, a stone in the northeast quadrant. In love, the Rat is the ruler, so this year it will bring luck to relationships.







#### Time for caution over ambition



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Dragon natives benefited from the star Hong Luan in the previous lunar year, so until the Ching Ming festival in April, they will still be illuminated by it. Therefore, if they're not in a relationship already, they should seek someone special to benefit from this luck.

In 2020, the Dragon will also be in harmony with the ruler of the lunar year, which will ease personal relationships. As for the career, these natives will not be in the mood for great efforts, which is not necessarily bad: sometimes it is better to step back than to act too ambitiously. This way, they may avoid unnecessary conflicts and are less likely to draw attention in case they're not set as a competitor.

The Jin Yu star will bring them protection from their superiors and powerful people, and the Tai star may help to raise their social status, and gain a professional promotion in 2020. Employees may benefit more this year.

To benefit more from wealth, the Dragon natives should place a glass of water in the northern side of the house and for health, a red object on the south end. In love, the year of the Pig is the one that brings luck to these natives, so for the remaining 11 years, they should wear an object with the shape of this animal or place it in the northwest quadrant of the house.



#### Balance brings workplace stability



The lunar year of the Pig brought instability and challenges to the Snake natives, and as a result, the perspectives have improved for 2020. Following the changes from the previous year, these natives may be assisted toward improving, even if this help is

With more balance, they may be more focused on work and less distracted. But it is necessary to work hard to make money grow in proportion with the effort, especially for those who are self--employed. Employees will have no perspectives of earning more, no matter how hard they try, but at least they will have more sta-

The star Yue De can turn misfortunes into good luck; it is a star of mercy and forgiveness. When the Snake natives do not hold onto resentment or seek for revenge, all bad luck may turn into good circumstances. On the less positive side, the Jie Sha star may bring financial losses, as well as some minor health issues.

In love, following a difficult year, the natives of this sign should not expect major changes in 2020, especially for single people, who are not expected to start a new relationship.

To promote luck in wealth, you should place a music box in the west end of your home and for health, a plant in a vase in the east quadrant. Love is aided by luck in every year of the Dog, so this lunar year natives should wear an object with this shape or place it in the northwest end of the house.





#### Be prepared for the worst in change

The lunar year of the Rat means conflict for the Horse sign natives, but this will have different implications on each person. Those born in spring and summer may turn conflicts into opportunities, while those born in autumn and winter should expect no changes in 2020.

It is good not to embark on any change, whenever this is possible. However, if inevitable, then be prepared for the worst. Along with the professional environment, conflicts in 2020 will also be reflected in the field of love and in life itself, meaning there will be changes. In love, whoever is in a relationship may get married or end their relationship, and whoever is single may start a relationship.

To make money, the Horse natives will have to work even harder this year. Entrepreneurs will raise money according to their workload. Employees will be quite busy; nevertheless, they won't get their financial compensation.

In health, the natives of this sign may expect for a year with some hazards due to the strong presence of the water element, which conflicts with fire. Therefore, they must be careful.

To be lucky, they should put a music box in the west quadrant of the house and for health, a plant vase to the east end. Luck in love comes every year of the Rooster, so this lunar year, natives should wear an object with this shape or place it the west end of the house.





(1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003 and 2015)

#### Slight instability, but life goes on

In 2020, the natives of the Goat will not be in disagreement with the ruler of the lunar year, just in slight instability, which is not that serious and allows for life to go on as usual. In terms of the professional career, it will not be a year of great willingness to work, and many will even slow down their pace and intensity. In the year of the Metal Rat the water element is reinforced, so luck will wither in this field for the Goat sign, therefore throughout these years, be advised for a more cautious approach, with ambition out of the way.

The presence of the star Zi Wei brings the influence on powerful people, who may help all natives of this sign. In the career, it is necessary to look closely before making any decisions and wait for luck to arrive. The best is to accept that no great wealth will come with this lunar year of the Rat.

To balance, Goat natives show a scenario of luck in love, especially in temporary relationships. If you are looking for a long-lasting commitment, this year's luck will not be enough. However, this luck will be reflected in most relationships.

For luck moneywise, natives should put a glass of water in the north end of their home and for health, a red object to the south. In love, as this lunar year is not under the reign of the Monkey, the Goat sign should wear an accessory with this shape or place it in the northwest end of the house.







(1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004 and 2016)

#### A rise in social status

Following a year of conflict with the ruler, the Monkey natives are once again united in this lunar year of the Rat. Although the influence of 2019 may last for two months at the beginning of the new year, a moment when caution is advised, 2020 will bring stability and good personal relations. Although there are no lucky stars in their constellation, Monkey natives can rely on their alliance with the ruler to benefit from the help of important people.

In professional terms, they will be in for more opportunities and a rise in their social status during this year. Consequently, a strong possibility of a professional advancement and an upwards revised salary. For those who have no interest in this, they should try to avoid their superiors' radar.

Self-employed people will have the chance to strengthen their status and gain their customers' trust. All Monkey natives are encouraged to strive for professional progress.

In love, those in a relationship will have greater stability and their feelings will grow and invigorate. As for the single Monkey natives, they should not begin a new romance, as they won't have that much luck in this field.

For more luck in love, even though this is not the year of the Goat, they should wear an object with this animal's shape or place it in the southwest end of the house. For fortune in money, a plant vase placed in the east end of the house and for health, a stone to the southwest.





## ■ ROOSTER 雞

(1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005 and 2017)

#### Long-lasting and much sought relationships

Along with the Rabbit, Rat and Horse, the Rooster is the Chinese zodiac sign that most often benefits from the lucky stars in relationships. The year 2020 will be just as so for these natives. That also explains why these signs have better personal relationships than others. Luck in relationships for the Rooster natives is stronger when the lunar year is ruled by the Horse. However, in the lunar year of the Rat, there is a lot of positive energy, as well as upright changes in romance.

Those with close relationships can get married or have children, while singles should take the opportunity to meet someone special and start a romance. This year's luck will bring long-lasting and looked-for relationships.

In their careers, the Rooster natives will gain more power and responsibilities. Therefore, they should act more ambitiously to be considered for more respected and favourable duties. Nevertheless, this may not necessarily lead to a pay rise.

The star Tian De turns mishaps into luck, bringing good fortune, even when the Rooster natives are victims under attack. They must only not engage in revenge behaviours, as this star means forgiveness and kindness.

There is no probability of misfortune in health, and it will be a physically and emotionally positive year.

To promote wealth, put a plant vase to the east at home, and for health, a stone to the northeast end. For love, the lucky regent is the Horse, so for the remaining 11 years, the Rooster natives should wear an accessory with this shape or place it in the south quadrant of their home.







(1934 - 1946 - 1958 - 1970 - 1982 - 1994 - 2006 and 2018)

#### Slow down and plan for the fuure

The year 2019 was the Dog natives' year for relationships, so they may still benefit from their luck. If you are still single, you should make good use of this luck while it still lasts; and if you are already in a relationship, then it should remain stable throughout 2020. The natives of this sign will not have any disagreement with the ruler for this new lunar year; in other words, they'll have no major changes.

In terms of career, following their effort in 2019 to be rewarded, this year the Dog natives may slow down and make the most to plan for their future. Upon the presence of the star Ba Zuo in its constellation, the Dog sign may rise its social status and make remarkable progress in wealth.

Regarding health, and even if nothing too serious is foreseen, due to the balanced status with the ruler, there may be some setbacks in this field, but nothing to worry about. To ease this, you should place a red object in the south quadrant of the house; and to have more luck with money, place a glass of water to the north. In love, the year of the Snake is the one that brings the most luck. Therefore, as it is not the Snake year, you should wear an item with this shape or place it in the southeast end of your home.









(1935 - 1947 - 1959 - 1971 - 1983 - 1995 - 2007 and 2019

#### Touched by luck, life is reassured

The Pig natives will be lucky in relationships throughout this lunar year of the Rat. This good fortune is brought on by temporary relationships, that even though they end shortly after beginning, they'll be fruitful. Additionally, this luck spreads to every personal relationship, and in 2020 the Pig natives will make a first good impression.

Also, this sign will be lucky in wealth; in fact, one of the most favoured throughout this lunar new year. The star Mo Yue will help raise the Pig natives' status, and they'll easily be helped by others to achieve their goals.

Professionally, they will be determined to remove obstacles and jump to progression; and as their relationships will be touched by luck, the Pig natives' professional life is reassured. As small as it may be, there will always be professional progress.

In love, the time has come for a new romance to begin and leave behind all the less positive things that the previous year brought with it. And while brief interactions are more anticipated, long-lasting relationships are also possible.

In health, the conflict with the ruler in the previous year may have brought some concerns. However, the luck in relationships throughout this year of the Rat also aids this field, especially after summer, when the Pig natives will feel this positive influence to a greater extent. To help, put a music box to the west end of your home; and for money, a red object to the south.

For more luck in love, the year of the Dragon is the most promising. For the other 11 remaining years, wear an object with this shape or place it in the southeast quadrant of the house.

