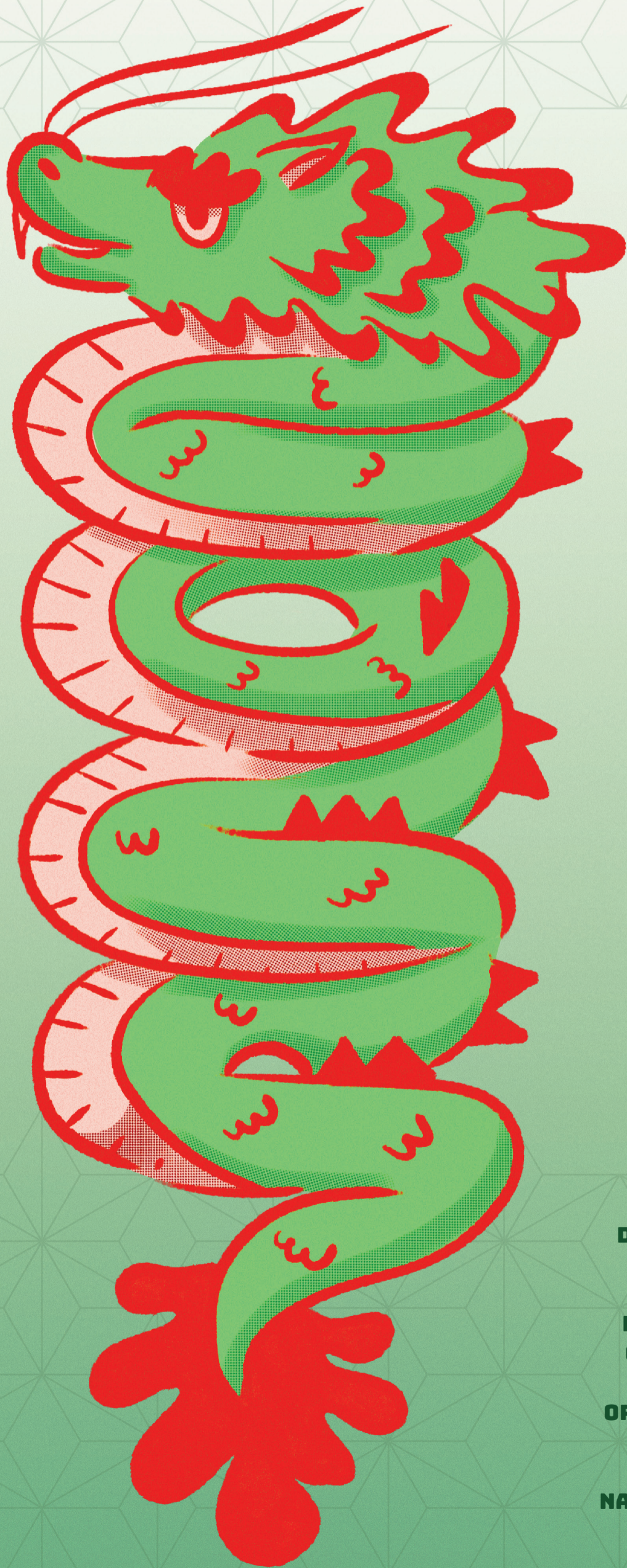


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**HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR**

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THE YEAR OF  
THE WOOD  
DRAGON 木龍年  
2024 WILL  
BRING NEW  
EXCITEMENT,  
GROWTH AND  
PLENTY OF  
OPPORTUNITIES  
TO GRAB  
BUT THE  
NATIVES SHOULD  
STAY  
HUMBLE

## RAT

### Year of Birth

2020, 2008, 1996, 1984,  
1972, 1960, 1948, 1936, 1924



### PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING

**T**HE Rats can expect a year of mixed opportunities and challenges. Career prospects may improve, with new avenues for growth and success. However, it is essential to stay cautious and avoid taking unnecessary risks. Relationships might face some ups and downs, requiring patience and understanding. Health should be a priority, and maintaining a balanced lifestyle is advised. By focusing on stability, adaptability, and careful decision-making, Rats can navigate through the year with resilience and make significant progress toward their goals.

#### FAQ

##### 1. Is 2024 a good year for Rats?

Yes, 2024 is generally a good year for Rats, especially in the fields of Love and Finance.

##### 2. What is the Lucky color of rats for 2024?

Lucky Colors for Rats in 2024 are Green, Blue, and Black.

##### 3. What is the date of Chinese New Year 2024?

Chinese New Year starts on 10th February 2024.

##### 4. Which months are lucky for Rats in 2024?

Lucky months for Rat in 2024 are May, February, and December.

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## OX

### Year of Birth

2021, 2009, 1997, 1985,  
1973, 1961, 1949, 1937, 1925



### GOOD CAREER PROSPECTS

**O**X natives can anticipate a year of steady progress and positive developments. Career prospects are favorable, with opportunities for growth and recognition. It is important to stay focused and determined, as hard work will yield fruitful results. Relationships will thrive, with improved understanding and harmony. However, it is crucial to strike a balance between work and personal life. Health should be prioritized, and stress management techniques should be adopted. By embracing patience, perseverance, and maintaining a balanced approach, Ox natives can make significant strides toward success and fulfillment in 2024.

#### FAQ

##### 1. Is 2024 a good year for Ox?

Yes, It is an overall lucky year for Ox especially for Love and Finance.

##### 2. What is the Lucky Color for Oxens in 2024?

Lucky Colors for Oxens in 2024 Yellow, White, and Green.

##### 3. What are the Lucky Days for Ox in 2024?

Lucky days for Ox in 2024 are the 13th and 27th of every Chinese Lunar month.

##### 4. Which months are lucky for Ox natives in 2024?

7th and 9th of Chinese Lunar Months.

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## TIGER

### Year of Birth

2022, 2010, 1998, 1986,  
1974, 1962, 1950, 1938, 1926



### AN EVENTFUL YEAR

**T**IGER individuals can expect a dynamic and eventful year. Career opportunities may arise, and it is important to seize them with confidence and determination. However, caution is advised in decision-making and taking risks. Relationships may face challenges, requiring open communication and understanding. Health should be prioritized, with a focus on maintaining balance and managing stress. By embracing adaptability and resilience, Tigers can navigate through the year's ups and downs, making the most of opportunities while ensuring overall well-being and stability.

#### FAQ

##### 1. What is the Lucky color for 2024?

Apricot Crush is the Lucky color for 2024 signifying nourishment of mind and body.

##### 2. Is 2024 Lucky for Tiger Natives?

The Year 2024 is Lucky for Tiger Natives as long as they stop being impulsive.

##### 3. Is 2024 lucky for Dragon natives?

The Year of Dragon 2024 will be a year of prosperity and growth.

##### 4. What type of dragon is in 2024?

According to Chinese astrology, 2024 is the Year of The Wood Dragon.

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## HORSE

### Year of Birth

2026, 2014, 2002, 1990,  
1978, 1966, 1954, 1942, 1930



### DYNAMIC ENERGY

**I**N 2024, Horses can expect a year of dynamic energy and progress. Career prospects may bring new opportunities for growth and advancement. It is important to stay focused and determined, avoid distractions and maintain a strong work ethic. Relationships will flourish with increased understanding and harmony. Health should be prioritized, with a focus on maintaining balance and managing stress. By embracing their natural enthusiasm and adaptability, Horses can navigate through the year with resilience and make significant strides towards their goals, enjoying both personal and professional fulfillment.

#### FAQ

##### 1. Is Year Of the Dragon 2024 lucky For horse natives?

Yes, The Year 2024 is overall lucky for Horse natives especially for earth Horse.

##### 2. What is the starting date of the Year of The Dragon 2024?

The Dragon Year 2024 is starting from 10th February 2024 to 28th January 2025.

##### 3. How many Zodiac Signs are there in Chinese Horoscopes?

There are 12 Zodiac Signs in the Chinese Horoscope.

##### 4. Which Chinese Zodiac is considered the richest?

The Chinese Zodiac 'Pig' is considered the richest among the 12.

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## SHEEP

### Year of Birth

2027, 2015, 2003, 1991,  
1979, 1967, 1955, 1943, 1931



### RELATIONSHIPS WILL THRIVE

**S**HEEP natives can expect a year of stability and personal growth. Career prospects may bring steady progress and success, but it is important to remain diligent and focused. Relationships will thrive with increased harmony and emotional connection. Health should be prioritized, with self-care practices and stress management techniques adopted. It is advisable to embrace patience and perseverance, as challenges may arise. By maintaining a balanced approach and nurturing their creative and compassionate nature, Sheep can experience a fulfilling and rewarding year in 2024.

#### FAQ

##### 1. Which is the next Year of the Sheep in Chinese Horoscopes?

The Year 2027 will be the year of the Chinese Sheep.

##### 2. Do Sheeps and Dragons complement Each other?

The Wood element of the Dragon supports the Earth element of the Sheep. It brings new opportunities and growth for the Sheep natives.

##### 3. Are the Sheep natives emotional or practical?

The Sheep natives are honest, simple, and emotional.

##### 4. Do Sheep natives find success in Love in 2024?

Yes, the year 2024 is highly successful and exciting for the Sheep natives with respect to Love and relationship.

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## MONKEY

### Year of Birth

2028, 2016, 2004, 1992,  
1980, 1968, 1956, 1944, 1932



### REMAIN FOCUSED

**M**ONKEY individuals can anticipate a year of dynamic opportunities and challenges. Career prospects may bring exciting ventures and advancements, but it is crucial to remain focused and avoid distractions. Relationships might require patience and open communication to maintain harmony. Health should be prioritized, with a focus on maintaining a balanced lifestyle. It is advisable to embrace flexibility and adaptability to overcome obstacles. By utilizing their resourcefulness and wit, Monkeys can navigate through the year with resilience and make significant progress toward their goals in the Year Of The Wood Dragon 2024.

#### FAQ

##### 1. Which signs are the most compatible for love For Monkey natives?

The Zodiacs Ox, Dragon, and Rabbit are the most suitable partners for the Monkeys.

##### 2. Is Monkey Husband and Dragon Wife compatible?

Yes, this is an excellent match.

##### 3. What are the lucky directions for Monkey natives in 2024?

The Lucky directions for Monkey natives are East, SouthEast, and South.

##### 4. Which is the next Monkey Year?

The next Monkey Year is 2028 (Earth Monkey).

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## RABBIT



### Year of Birth

2023, 2011, 1999, 1987,  
 1975, 1963, 1951, 1939, 1927

### LOVE IS IN THE AIR

**A**CCORDING to the Chinese Horoscope, Rabbit individuals can anticipate a year of steady progress and positive transformations in the Year Of The Wood Dragon 2024. Career prospects are promising, with new opportunities for growth and advancement. It is essential to maintain a balanced approach and avoid being overly impulsive. Relationships will thrive with improved communication and deeper connections. Health should be prioritized, and self-care practices should be incorporated. By embracing patience, flexibility, and taking calculated risks, Rabbits can make significant strides towards personal and professional success in 2024, while enjoying harmonious relationships and overall well-being.

#### FAQ

##### 1. Is 2024 a good year for Rabbits?

This year 2024 will be good in the Finance and Health sectors for Rabbit natives.

##### 2. What are the Lucky Colors For Rabbit Natives in 2024?

Lucky colors for Rabbit natives in 2024 are Red, Pink, Purple, and Blue.

##### 3. What are the Lucky months for rabbit natives in 2024?

Lucky months for Rabbit natives in 2024 are January, March, June, September, and December.

##### 4. What is the luckiest Zodiac for babies in Chinese Horoscopes?

The luckiest zodiac for babies in Chinese Horoscopes is Rabbit.

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## DRAGON



### Year of Birth

2024, 2012, 2000, 1988,  
 1976, 1964, 1952, 1940, 1928

### AVOID OVERCONFIDENCE

**T**HE Dragons can expect a year of both challenges and opportunities. Career prospects may bring new ventures and advancements, but it is important to stay grounded and avoid overconfidence. Relationships might face some turbulence, requiring patience and compromise. Health should be prioritized, and stress management techniques should be adopted. By embracing flexibility and adaptability, Dragons can navigate through the year's ups and downs with resilience. By maintaining a balanced approach and focusing on personal growth, Dragons can overcome obstacles and achieve success in the Year Of The Wood Dragon 2024.

#### FAQ

##### 1. Will 2024 be a Good Year For Dragon?

Yes, 2024 will be a goodyear for Dragons.

##### 2. What kind of Dragon is in 2024?

The Year 2024 will be the year Of The Wood Dragon.

##### 3. What are the zodiac signs compatible For Dragons to marry?

The Zodiac signs compatible with Dragons are Rooster, rat, and Monkey.

##### 4. Is Dragon the Luckiest among Chinese Zodiacs?

Yes, Dragon is the luckiest among the Chinese Zodiacs.

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## SNAKE



### Year of Birth

2025, 2013, 2001, 1989,  
 1977, 1965, 1953, 1941, 1929

### HARMONY IN ROMANCE

**I**N 2024, Snakes can expect a year of transformation and growth. Career prospects may bring new opportunities and recognition, but it is important to maintain a cautious and strategic approach. Relationships will thrive with increased harmony and understanding. Health should be prioritized, with a focus on self-care and stress management. It is advisable to stay adaptable and flexible in the face of challenges. By embracing change and utilizing their intuitive nature, Snakes can navigate through the Year Of The Wood Dragon 2024 with resilience and make significant progress toward their goals.

#### FAQ

##### 1. Will Snake natives enjoy good luck in 2024?

The Snake natives can expect a good year in 2024.

##### 2. When is the Chinese New Year starting in 2024?

The Chinese New Year starts from the 10th Of February in 2024.

##### 3. Is the Snake zodiac favored by the Dragon?

Yes, The Dragons favor Snake natives and both are compatible.

##### 4. What are the Characteristics Of Snakes?

Snake natives are wise, intellectual, and self-caring.

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## ROOSTER



### Year of Birth

2029, 2017, 2005, 1993,  
 1981, 1969, 1957, 1945, 1933

### SUCCESS AND RECOGNITION

**R**OOSTER natives can expect a year of growth and opportunities. Career prospects may bring new avenues for success and recognition, but it is important to maintain a balanced approach and avoid becoming overly critical. Relationships will thrive with improved communication and understanding. Health should be prioritized, with a focus on self-care and stress management. It is advisable to embrace teamwork and collaboration to overcome challenges. By utilizing their organizational skills and determination, Roosters can navigate through the year with resilience and achieve their goals in the Year Of The Wood Dragon 2024.

#### FAQ

##### 1. Which signs are most compatible with love for Roosters?

The signs Pig and Snake are the most compatible For Roosters to love and Marry.

##### 2. What are the Personality traits of the Year Of The Rooster?

The Rooster natives are observant, hard working, diligent, resourceful, and brave.

##### 3. Which signs are least compatible with Rooster?

The rooster is least compatible with the Rabbit, Horse, and Dog.

##### 4. Which is the next Rooster Year?

The next rooster Year will be 2029.

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## DOG



### Year of Birth

2030, 2018, 2006, 1994,  
 1982, 1970, 1958, 1946, 1934

### EXPECT LOYALTY IN FRIENDSHIP

**A**CCORDING to the Chinese Horoscope 2024, Dog individuals can expect a year of stability and growth. Career prospects may bring steady progress and new opportunities for advancement. It is important to stay focused and dedicated to achieve success. Relationships will thrive with increased loyalty and trust. Health should be prioritized, with a focus on maintaining a balanced lifestyle and managing stress. It is advisable to embrace teamwork and collaboration to overcome challenges. By utilizing their honesty and integrity, Dogs can navigate through the year with resilience and experience personal and professional fulfillment in 2024.

#### FAQ

##### 1. Which signs are most compatible with love for Dog natives?

The signs Monkey, Rabbit, Tiger, and Horse are most compatible with love for Dogs.

##### 2. What is the enemy of the Dog Chinese Zodiac sign?

Dog natives are least compatible with Dragon, goat, and Rooster.

##### 3. What are the flaws of the Chinese Dog Zodiac ?

Chinese Dogs have drawbacks like high sensitivity, orthodox, too emotional, and stubborn.

##### 4. Which is the next Dog Year?

The next Dog Year is 2023 according to the Chinese calendar.

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## PIG



### Year of Birth

2031, 2019, 2007, 1995,  
 1983, 1971, 1959, 1947, 1935

### EMBRACE CREATIVITY

**P**IGS can anticipate a year of positive transformations and abundant opportunities. Career prospects may bring new ventures and advancements, with success within reach. Relationships will thrive with increased harmony and deeper connections. Health should be prioritized, with a focus on self-care and maintaining a balanced lifestyle. It is advisable to embrace creativity and adaptability to navigate through challenges. By utilizing their kindness and generosity, Pigs can make significant strides toward their goals and experience a fulfilling and prosperous year in the Year Of The Wood Dragon 2024.

#### FAQ

##### 1. Which zodiac Year is the luckiest?

The Rat Zodiac year is the luckiest.

##### 2. Which Zodiac signs are least friendly with Pigs?

The Chinese Pigs is least compatible with Snakes, Monkeys, and Roosters.

##### 3. Which are the most compatible signs of love with a Chinese Pig?

The most compatible signs for Chinese Pig for love are Rabbit, Tiger, and Sheep.

##### 4. Which is the next Pig year?

The next Pig Year is 2031.

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## THE CONVERSATION

# IT'S THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON – ASSOCIATED WITH GOOD FORTUNE, WISDOM AND SUCCESS

**A**MONG China's traditional holidays and celebrations, none ranks higher in importance than the Lunar New Year 農曆新年. Also known as the Spring Festival 春節, or simply Chinese New Year, it marks the beginning of the year according to the traditional lunar calendar.

The Lunar New Year usually starts sometime between late January and mid-February. In mainland China, official celebrations last for seven days as a public holiday. This Lunar New Year, which falls on Feb. 10, is the Year of the Dragon.

I'm a scholar of Chinese religious history and culture who was born in a Year of the Dragon. What fascinates me the most is how the celebrations are a reminder of the longevity and vibrancy of traditional Chinese culture.

### FOOD, GIFTS AND CELEBRATIONS

At its core, the Lunar New Year is a celebration that brings the family together. Preparations start a week in advance and include cleaning and decorating the home, as well as shopping, especially for gifts and provisions, and food preparation.

A central event is the family dinner on the eve of the new year. The choice of dishes varies, reflecting family customs and local culinary traditions. Often it includes dumplings, spring rolls, cakes, fish and pork dishes. There is also a fair

amount of drinking, especially traditional wines or liquor. Many of the dishes are assigned symbolic meanings. For instance, dumplings are given the shape of gold ingots to invoke good fortune.

Other customs associated with Lunar New Year celebrations include the giving of red envelopes containing money, usually by elders to younger members of the family. The red color, which is also featured prominently in Lunar New Year decorations, symbolizes prosperity and good fortune.

Traditionally, families and local communities burn firecrackers to mark the new year and ward off monsters. According to legend, the origin of the practice goes back to a story about a monster called Nian, who is believed to have been causing great harm to some villages. In response, the villagers are said to have set off explosions to scare off the monster, and the practice caught on. However, more recently the Chinese government has been cracking down on this traditional practice on the grounds of its being dangerous and polluting.

### YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Traditionally, the dragon is an auspicious symbol of strength and power. It is also associated with good fortune, wisdom, success, protection and masculinity. In pre-modern China, it was associated with imperial rule and was

prominently featured on the first Chinese flag, initially instituted by the Qing dynasty in 1862. To this day, a dragon image is often used to symbolize China itself.

Because of the dragon's auspicious associations, dragon years tend to bring upticks in fertility rates. Considering China's current shrinking population and deepening fertility crisis, some are expressing hope for a baby boom during the coming year, as certain parents may be motivated to bring dragon children into the world.

According to the Chinese zodiac signs, each year in the lunar cycle is associated with a particular animal. This is a 12-year cycle that repeats itself. Thus, there are 12 animals, each associated with a year in the cycle: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog and pig.

Among the popular myths about the origins of the Chinese zodiac is one about a great race initiated by the Jade Emperor, the ruler of heaven, in order to measure time. As the rat won the race, it came to be listed first among the 12 animals of the zodiac. The order of the other 11 animals reflected their final position in the race. Each of the 12 zodiac animals came to represent certain characteristics believed to shape the personalities of individuals born in those years, with the dragon often considered to be the most auspicious of all.

### ORIGINS OF THE LUNAR CALENDAR

Traditionally, the Chinese have followed their native lunar calendar, which is based on observations and measurements of astronomical phenomena. While modern China adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1912, traditional festivals such as the Lunar New Year still follow the old lunar calendar.

The origins of the lunar calendar may go back to the dawn of Chinese civilization, traditionally associated with the legendary Xia dynasty, said to have ruled from 2070 to 1600 B.C. The origins of the Lunar New Year celebrations are also not entirely clear; some scholars believe they likely go back to the rule of the Shang dynasty, which lasted from 1600 to 1050 B.C.

### RELIGIOSITY AND LUNAR NEW YEAR GALAS

While the Lunar New Year is generally centered on the theme of family bonding, religious observances are also an integral part of the festivities. These include domestic rituals associated with popular Chinese deities, such as the Kitchen God and the God of Wealth. Family members also make offerings and engage in other rituals related to ancestor worship. Commonly, these include food offerings and the burning of incense at home altars.

During this period, many people go to Buddhist or Taoist temples, as well as other pla-

ces of worship. They engage in traditional forms of piety, including offering incense and praying for good luck and fortune.

A modern element in ushering in the Lunar New Year is watching the New Year's Gala, a popular variety show that features singing, dancing, comedy and drama. It first aired in 1983, and ever since it has been broadcast countrywide by CCTV, the national TV broadcaster. It is the most-watched television program in the world, with an audience that can reach as many as 700 million viewers.

### LARGEST HUMAN MIGRATION

In recent decades, China has experienced drastic demographic changes, especially the migration of large rural populations into big urban centers.

Additionally, China's one-child policy has had far-reaching effects on family structures and, consequently, on traditional customs and observances.

Millions of rural children are living with their grandparents or relatives while their parents work in faraway cities. As a result, the Lunar New Year brings about the largest human migration in the world, as students and migrant workers do their best to get back to their families.

During this period, trains, buses and planes are packed with travelers, and tickets must be booked well in advance. That still remains the case this year, despite China's gloomy economic outlook.

### CELEBRATIONS OUTSIDE CHINA

The Lunar New Year is also celebrated in other parts of Asia, including Vietnam and Singapore, as well as in East Asian communities across the world. Usually, these celebrations have some unique features or assume local character. For instance, in Vietnam, where the festival is known as Tết, there is the preparation of various local dishes, along with parades and public performances.

In the U.S. and Australia, where there are substantial ethnically Chinese populations, Chinese New Year festivals and parades are held each year. Some of them feature the traditional dragon dances, which highlight the communal aspect of Lunar New Year festivities.

Over the centuries, the coming together for the Lunar New Year celebration has remained an important part of the cultural heritage for Chinese families, connecting the past to the present, wherever they happen to be. **MDT/THE CONVERSATION**