

Chinese New Year

This year, Chinese New Year begins Jan. 31 and ends Feb.18, 2015; according to the Chinese calendar, it is the year 4712.

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Year of the Horse

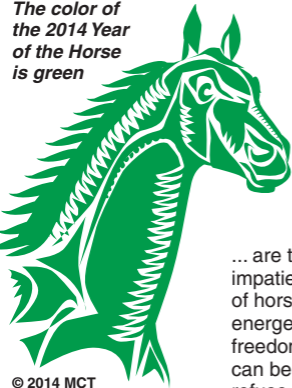


The calendar

Each lunar year is governed by one of 12 animals whose characteristics are tempered by one of the five Chinese elements, metal, water, wood, fire and earth, which overlay a 5-year cycle of characteristics on the original 12-year cycle.

Dates to 2600 B.C., when Emperor Huang Ti introduced the first cycle of the zodiac.

The color of the 2014 Year of the Horse is green



This Year of the Horse begins a new 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac along with the element wood.

Those born during the Year of the Wood Horse...



... are the most reasonable and less impatient than the other five types of horses; horses in general are active, energetic, strong-willed and strive for freedom and happiness; sometimes they can be extremely independent and refuse to listen to advice.