

Chúc mừng năm mới!

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2021

新年快乐

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR
YEAR OF THE OX



Tết Nguyên Đán (節元旦)

- ▶ *Tet* is the most important celebration of Vietnamese Culture. It falls on the first day of the year under Chinese Lunar calendar.
 - ▶ This year, it falls on Friday, February 12th.
 - ▶ Year 2021 is the year of the Ox.



Vietnamese Tet Customs:

- ▶ Vietnamese prepare for Tet by cleaning the house and decorating homes in yellow and red with Tet tree and flowers. *Hoa Mai* (yellow *Ochna*) signifies the welcoming of Spring!
- ▶ Plate of fruits to arranged into a pyramid to represent Earth's 5 Elements (metal, wood, water, fire and earth).
- ▶ Children receive a red envelope (*Li Xi*) containing money from their elders.



My family traditions

- We have the home decorated with fruits and yellow, red, and pink blossoms to welcome the new year.
- We put on traditional dresses (Ao Dai) and my sons would serve us tea and banh tet.
- We give them Li Xi for luck, fortune, success, and a prosperous new year.
- We would visit grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles to bring new year gifts.



Orange County– Little Saigon

- Asian Garden Mall (Westminster) hosts Flower Festivals 2 weeks prior to Tet. They sell flowers and decorations.
- Lion dances are performed on to bring fortune to their business.
- Firecrackers are played to burn out bad fortunes and welcome new luck!



Orange County Celebrations to cultivate Vietnamese Culture

- Due to Covid-19, these events have been cancelled:
 - Tet Parade** (in Westminster on Bolsa Street)
 - Tet Festival** (in Fountain Valley & Costa Mesa)
 - Traditional dances and live entertainment are performed as well as traditional Vietnamese food!
 - Carnival rides and cultural decorations to entertain the family!




What is Ox zodiac sign?

- ▶ If you're born in 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, and 2009, you belong to Ox!
- ▶ “Oxen are diligent, reliable and smart but never seek praise.” (unknown author)
- ▶ Here's what they say for Oxen this year! (<https://chinesenewyear.co/ox/>)
- ▶ **Men** born in the year of the Ox can be trusted and relied on. They give out their best in everything they do. They are also able to provide for their families. However, their confidence can get in the way of others who try to go against the rules.
- ▶ **Women** born in the Ox year are kind and capable of keeping their cool. They are fixated on their goals and would rarely think about choosing an alternative. Thus, they encounter many struggles but they will walk down the road they choose.



Wishing You
A HAPPY
CHINESE
NEW YEAR

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Good luck,
good health,
good cheer and
Happy New Year