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CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR SYMBOLISM INFORMATION.

Chinese New Year is a means of renewal of one's good luck, good fortune, good health, and happiness for the year, accounting for the reason why Chinese New Year is celebrated year after year.

Chinese New Year occurs in accordance with the Chinese Moon Calendar; subsequently, Chinese New Year begins on a different date and month each and every year. For the appropriate commencement date of each and every New Chinese New Year, one must make reference to the Chinese Moon Calendar.

In accordance with the Chinese Tangram, there are Five (05) different elements, which are Fire, Water, Earth, Wood, and Metal. Additionally, there are Twelve (12) different animals of the Chinese Zodiac Cycle. The same element will occur throughout for one consecutive Twelve Zodiac Animal Cycle; subsequently, it will be another Sixty (60) years before the same type of element and animal is celebrated once again.

Year 2010 represents the Year of the Lucky Earth TIGER!

The TIGER represents Leadership, Honour, Independence, and Dynamic and Promising Prosperity.

Year 2010 is an excellent and assured year for all business persons to achieve their ambitions and the year is marked with auspicious and symbolic good luck symbols to assure the success of eager and hard working individuals.

The Chinese Culture is well over 5,000 years old, and from this very ancient and highly regarded culture, comes two forms of Chinese Dance and Arts: Chinese Opera, and Chinese Lion Dance.

Both forms of dances is well over 3,500 years old. Chinese Opera tells great historical stories in song and is very beautiful complete with elaborate make-up for the singers and dancers, including unique and outstanding hand decorated costumes and dresses.

Chinese Lion Dance is borne from Chinese Kung Fu. The Chinese Lion is to resemble and mimic the movements of a real lion. This mystical animal is deep rooted in Chinese Culture and Folklore and is believed to bring in good luck, good energy, good fungshui, and happiness. A greeting and a blessing by the Chinese Lion will assure the warding away of all things considered evil and to bring in good luck, good energy, good fortune, and good fungshui.

There are Five (05) Mystical Kingdoms of Chinese Folklore:

The first kingdom is the Chinese Dragon;

The second kingdom is the Chinese Kirin or Grandfather Lion;

The third kingdom is the Chinese Pi Xiu or the Son of Dragon;

The fourth kingdom is the Chinese Southern Lion;

The fifth and final kingdom is the Chinese Northern Lion or the Emperor's Lion.

The presence of Chinese Dragons and Chinese Lions particularly during Chinese New Year and throughout the year are very auspicious symbols to ensure good health, harmony, peace, and good fortune throughout the year.

Colours of Red, Gold, Green, Yellow, Pink, and Light Blue are highly preferred colours for Chinese New Year.

Red Lucky Packets containing either money or treats are good luck blessings to the recipient and whenever the Red Lucky Packet is offered to the Chinese Lion is the provider or host client asking from the Lion for a certain kind of luck for the year. The Lion's consumption of this red lucky packet is to reciprocate the host client's gesture in kind. Usually, but not always, the Red Lucky Packet may be accompanied with a head of lettuce to symbolize money, prosperity, good health, and happiness.

An opportunity to touch and to pet the Chinese Lion's tail is to symbolize good luck throughout the year!