

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2026

Message on the Observance of Lunar New Year

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Today I send my best wishes to the millions of people of Asian heritage in the United States and around the world observing Lunar New Year and celebrating the Year of the Horse.

Lunar New Year is an ancient holiday marked by thanksgiving and joy. It is a time to acknowledge the blessings of family and friends, reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the past year, and plan for the future with anticipation and renewed hope. Around the globe, Lunar New Year is ushered in with spectacular firework displays, festivals, traditional music, feasts, and gatherings, which strengthen community and family bonds. It is also a fitting time to recognize the contributions of many legendary Asian Americans for their contributions to our culture, our prosperity, and our way of life.

Tradition holds that the horse represents momentum, vitality, passion, freedom, and adventure, traits that our Nation has embodied for 250 glorious years of American independence. On this Lunar New Year, we celebrate these enduring virtues and carry them with us as we continue building upon America's golden age. As family, friends, and communities gather to welcome the start of Lunar New Year, the First Lady and I join in wishing you a year filled with health, happiness, good fortune, and peace.

Happy New Year!

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