

“2010 – Year of the Tiger”

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Chinese New Year's is the most celebrated of the Chinese Holidays. February 14, 2010 marks the first day of the Year of the Tiger, according to the Chinese lunar calendar, or Farmer's calendar as it is commonly known. This is the beginning of a 15 day celebration, often referred to as the Lantern Festival. In Chinese tradition, you should wear something new and preferably in red. Red symbolizes happy active energy and is used in combination with gold in decorations and clothing.

There are 12 celestial animals of the Chinese Zodiac, each represent one of the 12 years in the Chinese lunar calendar system. The animals are used in a sequence, counting from Year 1,2,3, ... up to twelve and then starting over from year one. The order of the celestial animals is Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. The Tiger is the third animal in the Chinese Zodiac. Your celestial animal is the Tiger if you were born in 1902, 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, or 2010. They are most compatible with those born in the year of the Horse and Sheep and have a secret friend in those born in the year of the Pig, which will help to give them support in the good years, and also in challenging times.

People born in the Year of the Tiger are natural leaders and are happiest when they make an effort to climb the ladder of success. Their purpose is to attain the top spot in their work and to be in a position of power is their ultimate goal. They learn quickly and like to be challenged and prefer to work alone.

Famous people born in the Year of the Tiger are Stevie Wonder, Chuck Berry, Mel Brooks, Tom Cruise, Jodie Foster, Elliot Gould, Oliver Reed, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Marilyn Monroe, and Natalie Wood.

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