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New members are welcome

Hey, I can speak

Chinese!

Fu - Blessing, Good Fortune, Good Luck. It is one of the most popular Chinese characters used in Chinese New Year.

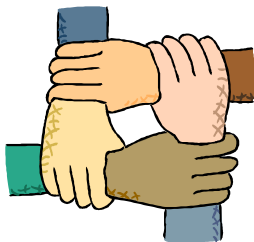


Ji - lucky, auspicious, propitious. Hope all is well



Highlights from Diversity Committee meeting 02/17/2006

- 1- Seminar on prejudice & discrimination in the classroom.
- 2- Film for next Diversity film festival
- 3- Content of Diversity Newsletter
- 4- Next meeting on March 17, 2006 at 12:15 PM in Atrium.



Diversity News

SFCC World Languages is looking for an instructor who could teach Mandarin Chinese for fall semester. Call X373



Lunar New Year

Chinese New Year:

January 29, 2006 was the first day of the Chinese new year.

There are three ways to name a Chinese year:

1-By an animal (like a mascot). This year is known as the Year of the Dog. There are 12 animal names; so by this system, year names are re-cycled every 12 years.

2- By its Formal Name (Stem-Branch). The new year is the year of bingxu.

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3- In the 'Stem-Branch' system, the years are named in 60-year cycles, and the Name of the Year is repeated every 60 years. 2006 is the 7th year in the current 60-year cycle.

It is Year 4703 by the Chinese calendar. [A few Chinese astrological/zodiac websites believe this year should be considered as Year 4704 for zodiac calculations.]
<http://www.chinapage.com/newyear.html>



Islamic New Year:

The Islamic year has twelve months that are based on a lunar cycle. Allah (Arabic word for "The God") says in the Qur'an:

"It is He Who made the sun to be a shining glory, and the moon to be a light of beauty, and measured out stages for it, that you might know the number of years and the count of time. Allah did not create this except in truth and righteousness. And He explains His signs in detail, for those who understand" (10:5). Also read (9:36).

Islamic months begin at sunset of the first day, the day when the lunar crescent is visually sighted. The lunar year is approximately 354 days long, so the months rotate backward through the seasons and are not fixed to the Gregorian calendar.

Muslims throughout the world celebrated Tues., Jan. 31, 2006 as the first day of the Islamic calendar's New Year 1427.
http://islam.about.com/cs/calendar/a/hijrah_calendar_2.htm

IT'S ONLY A COINCIDENCE THAT THE CHINESE AND MUSLIM LUNAR YEARS BEGAN AT AROUND THE SAME TIME THIS YEAR.

Easy Chinese Recipe: Stir-fry Chinese Broccoli

- Chinese Broccoli - 350 to 400g
- Garlic 4 to 6 cloves - Diced
- Salt - 1 to 1 1/2 teaspoon (add 1 pinch of Chinese salt)
- Oil - 3 to 4 tbsp

Carefully wash the Chinese broccoli, and cut into 2 to 3 inch sections. Boil some water, and blanch the vegetables. Heat oil to high. Add in garlic and Chinese broccoli. Stir for 1 to 2 minutes until cooked. Serve.