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US unveils Lucky Money for lunar year

An official from the US Treasury Dept. shows the limited edition collectible Lucky Money for the Chinese New Year of the Horse in Washington DC, Dec 3, 2013. The Treasury will offer 88,888 Year of Horse one-dollar notes.

AT A GLANCE

RESEARCH RESULTS

- The number of premature deaths caused by an increase in the concentration of pollutants often levels out at higher concentrations, a 2009 study by a researcher in the US concluded.
- A 2010 study, conducted by the World Bank, the World Health Organization and the Chinese Academy for Environmental Planning, concluded that in China, 350,000 to 500,000 people die prematurely every year as a result of outdoor air pollution.

Scientists search for clear answers on smog

Links between premature deaths and pollution are still being studied, Wu Wencong reports.. Among the world's best-known mega-cities, Beijing and Shanghai must be the only ones where house prices are still climbing rapidly, despite severe air pollution that will take years to solve.

But for people unhappy at becoming human vacuum cleaners in a polluted metropolis, and who are equally unwilling to forgo an urban lifestyle, which is the better choice - the capital city in the north, or the southern international trade center at the end of the Yangtze River?



What's in a Chinese Character

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每月一字

Word of the Month



lóng

龙 dragon

Written character: 5 strokes

龙年: year of dragon

The primitive form was a pictograph of the dragon. The regular form although resembling the royal creature, is made up of wing and body. 龙 also means imperial of glorious; hence the saying: "with money you are a dragon, without it you are a worm."



.Practice Chinese Characters here:

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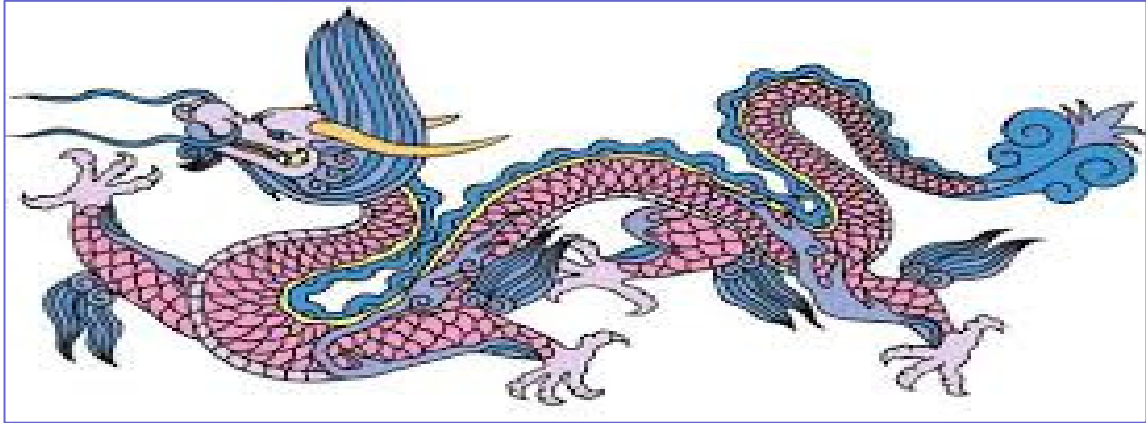
RCS Calendar and Holidays

February 2014

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March 2014

日	一	二	三	四	五	六
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Dragon Head Raising Day! 二月二，龙抬头 Èr yuè èr, lóng tái tóu

Dragon Head Raising Day, which falls each year on the second day of the second lunar month (It's on March 2 in 2014), as recorded by the proverb: "On second day of the second month, the Dragon is awake and raising its head" (二月二，龙抬头 Èr yuè èr, lóng tái tóu). This day is also sometimes called *Long-toujie* (龙头节, Dragon's Head Festival) and *Chunlongjie* (春龙节, Spring Dragon's Festival).

On this day, the dragon "raises its head" (or awakes) with the sound of rumbling thunder, a sign of the coming rains that will revitalize the earth. Around this time, the earth is bursting with life, grass and trees are beginning to sprout and farmers are getting ready to till the fields. In ancient China, people would worship the dragon god beside a river or a lake, praying for the precious spring rains to nurture their crops. Farmers usually start their spring plough on this day. People believe getting a haircut on this day will bring them luck, especially children.

Traditionally, food eaten on this day was renamed after parts of the dragon. For instance, dumplings were called "dragon's ears," spring pancakes were called "dragon's scales," rice was called "dragon's son", dragon beard noodles and wontons were called "dragon's eyes." The special foods usually eaten on this day include dragon's scales, popcorn, soy beans, pig's head and shepherd's purse-fried rice.



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