



21 DAYS OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

February 13
30th day of the twelfth month



Gong Hay Fat Choy

New Year's Eve. The Emperor receives congratulations; lower officials pay their respects to their superiors. Friends visit friends. After twilight entire families sit together eating, playing games, playing cards and throwing dice to await the fireworks at midnight.

Cash in red envelopes is given to children by their elders. Hot house flowers are used as decoration and lucky charms are set throughout the house. All debts are supposed to be repaid by the end of the day and collectors are very busy chasing debtors. Fortunately, many businesses give employees an extra month's salary at the end of the year. Incense is burned from 11pm to 1am to welcome the spirits who return to earth at this time.

