

## **Lesson No: 2**

### **CHINES NEW YEAR**

**Q: When does Chinese New Year start?**

**A:** Chinese New Year typically Falls somewhere between January 21st and February 28th.

**Q: Why do Chinese families do thorough cleaning of their houses before New Year's Day?**

**A:** Chinese families do thorough cleaning of their houses before New Year's Day to clear out any bad luck from the previous year and to make the house ready to accept good luck for the coming year.

**Q: Which colour is not allowed and which colour is encouraged on Chinese New Year? Why?**

**A:** Wearing black is not allowed due to its association with death. However, wearing red is encouraged as the colour is associated with warding off bad spirits.

**Q: What do decorations on doors and Windows symbolize?**

**A:** The decorations on doors and windows symbolize the coming of spring and a new beginning with luck and happiness.

**Q: What is the significance of New Year's Eve Dinner?**

**A:** The New Year's Eve Dinner has great significance. It is typical for a Chinese family to make eight to nine dishes for the New Year's Eve dinner because in Chinese language the word "eight" means prosperity and the word "nine" means long lasting.

**Q: What do the little red envelopes filled with money symbolize?**

**A:** The little red envelopes filled with money symbolize wealth and prosperity for the coming year.

**Q: What is the importance of Chinese New Year for Chinese families?**

**A:** The Chinese New Year is very important for Chinese families because it is a time when the families should come together in order to give thanks for the year that has passed and reinvigorate themselves for the coming year.