

Usher in the Year of the Dog

旺旺迎新年!!

Join us at Thian Hock Keng to welcome the Year of the Dog on 15 Feb from 10pm, as we kick off the 18-day Chinese New Year Celebrations 2018.

Enjoy the festivities of cultural performances, showcases of traditions,

Getai and guided tours. For programme highlights, please click [here](#).



Thian Hock Keng wishes everyone happiness and prosperity in the Year of the Dog!

Praying to Tai Sui 太岁

In the Year of the Dog (戊戌年), the following zodiac animals are in conflict with *Tai Sui*: Dog 狗 (Offend 犯太岁), Dragon 龙 (Clash 冲太岁), Cow 牛 and Sheep 羊 (Conflict 刑太岁).

Devotees can pray to *Tai Sui* at Thian Hock



Keng from **17 Feb to 2 Mar (农历初二至十五)**. Praying to *Tai Sui* at Thian Hock Keng follows an old tradition with devotees preparing a red packet for blessings or *Ya Sui Qian* (压岁钱). The amount is in accordance with the devotee's age: every 10 cents correspond to 1 year of age. For example, \$4.90 for someone aged 49 years old.

For enquiries, please contact Thian Hock Keng at 64234616.

Lanterns of Blessing

Light is one of the five offerings devotees generally make to deities for protection and good luck.

Thian Hock Keng welcomes devotees to place order(s) for Lanterns of Blessing (新春祈福灯笼) for oneself and your loved ones for the Chinese New Year. Names of devotees will be written on the lantern tags and hung at the temple from the eve of Chinese New Year (CNY), 15 Feb 2018, for the 1st Lunar Month.

For enquiries/registration, please call 6423 4616 or click [here](#) for the order form.



Fortune Rice Buckets

The Fortune Rice Bucket is an offering devotees make to the Jade Emperor which falls on the 9th Day of the Chinese New Year (24 Feb 2018). Prayer rituals commences at 10pm on 23 Feb 2018.

Thian Hock Keng welcomes devotees to place order(s) for the rice buckets which comprises of:

Rice : One shall always have food and be clothed 丰衣足食

Radish: Good tidings 好彩头

Pineapple: Long lasting prosperity 财旺福旺运气旺

Oranges: Good luck and fortune 大吉大利

Prosperity Cake: Prosperity and promotions 步步高升

Auspicious Ornament: Auspicious and luck 新春吉祥

Devotees can bring the Fortune Rice Buckets home after the Noon Offering ceremony on the Birthday of Jade Emperor on 24 Feb 2018 (after 12 noon).

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Zi Shi (子时)

Originating from the *Zhou* Dynasty, the ancient Chinese method of measuring time divides each day into twelve sections, beginning with *zi shi* (子时) (11pm to 1am). The first hour of *zi shi* (11pm) on Lunar New Year's Eve is the time to usher in

the New Year. Thian Hock Keng welcomes the Lunar New Year during *zi shi* with prayers and lion and dragon dances. Come join us!

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