

NZ Hubei Economy Trade Culture Association helped North South Business Inc who organised this big event to celebrate Chinese New Year!

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Gong Xi Fa Cai! (Mandarin) or Gong Hey Fat Choy!(Cantonese) 恭喜发财! (Happy New Year!).

In Chinese astrology, each year is associated with a Chinese zodiac animal sign and one the Five Elements: Gold (Metal), Water, Wood, Fire, or Earth. Both the sign and element of your birth year are said to affect your personality and destiny. People born in a year of the Monkey are called “Monkeys” in China. Usually, if you were born in a multiple-of-12 year, like 1956, 1968, 1980 or 1992, you’re a Monkey. The general image of people in this zodiac sign is of always being smart, clever and intelligent, especially in their career and wealth. They are lively, flexible, quick-witted and versatile. Although they were born with enviable skills, they still have several shortcomings, such as an impetuous temper and a tendency to look down upon others. The Chinese New Year Festivals in the year of Monkey in several places. Chinese Spring Festival was held on 5 Feb at Aurora Centre and the main organizer was North South Business Inc (Chair: Angel Hu) and other supporting Chinese associations in Christchurch. The Chinese performing group from Yun-Nan province in far southwest China and local Chinese performers on the stage captivated the audience of 700 for about 3 hours. The event was greatly supported by Mr JIN Zhi Jian Consulate-General of P.R.China in Christchurch. The National MP Nicky Wagner, Waimakariri Mayor David Ayers and many VIPs including migrant community leaders also attended the Festival. The Chinese New Year celebration is the most important festival in the Chinese calendar and it is also often referred to as the Spring Festival. Christchurch Chinese Spring Festival 2016 The dance/song/music/ acrobatics/magic performers of Yunnan Art Group presented an extravaganza alongside some of Christchurch’s best performers. New Zealand Chinese Association Christchurch branch also celebrated Chinese New Year with its members and guests. The celebrations of music and dancing entertained more than 200 people and there was award-giving ceremony for the youths who made excellent academic achievements. The delicious food lunch during the event definitely was a great time to share words of blessings for everyone’s good luck, fortune, happiness, wealth and longevity this year. During the event, a 5.7 magnitude earthquake rocked Christchurch again! People became anxious, however, they kept calm and the celebration went on smoothly. Another Spring Festival will be coming up on the 19th February at the Aurora Centre and the event is organised by Guangdong Chinese Association. This night event of a family fun will include singing and cultural performances. The Guangdong Chinese Association is one of the biggest among 22 plus in the Chinese community in Christchurch. The Christchurch Migrants Centre wishes a great success, wellbeing and prosperity to your family, community and your business. We wish all of you the best for the New Year.



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