

Like what has been practiced in the past years, **Chinese New Year in the Philippines** is widely observed, even by non-Chinese locals. History brought us the genuine union of the Filipino and Chinese cultures and they have proven complete assimilation in the highest sense of degree, as we can see how Filipinos observe many Chinese traditions and beliefs and vice versa.

This time of the year, the feast happens again in a few days. In line with keeping the yearly tradition, one **Chinese New Year 2012 Celebration in the Philippines** will be hosted by Manila Hotel. On Jan. 22 to 23, the hotel will be opening its doors for one *grand Chinese New Year bazaar*. There will be *lots of goodies* to see, specially the *famous dragon dances, fireworks* and of course a *free* and *special feng shui consultation* with international expert Marites Allen.

There will also be a **Chinese New Year 2012 countdown**. It will begin at 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 22. In this light, expert Allen will be doing the incense lighting, blessings, and rituals. Right after that, as 12 midnight ticks off, Allen will be giving her forecasts and predictions for the year 2012.

For details, you may call 527-0011 local 1108 or 1243.

I think the open bazaar alone is one great treat already. If you are a follower of Feng Shui, you can just head on to the venue to consult about specific things in life, on matters of business venture, education and perhaps love life.

The **2012 Chinese New Year** is called the year of the **Water Dragon**. This mythical creature bears great representation and symbolism in Chinese beliefs. Celebrating **Chinese New Year 2012 in the Philippines** will let you witness a number of related items, symbols and traditional performances. On food, of course there will be the famous "Tikoy" (*nian gao*) or Chinese New Year Pudding, which is made up of:

...glutinous rice flour, wheat starch, salt, water, and sugar. The color of the sugar used determines the color of the pudding (white or brown). (<http://thetikoyplate.wordpress.com>)

Here some of the images of Tikoy:



And who would want to miss the Dragon Dance?

Still, a lot of great things to see during this New Year celebration. Don't miss out the event as it happens only once a year. Grab the chance to taste authentic Chinese foods, take home Chinese New Year memorabilia and other novelty items related to luck, prosperity and health. Get some fresh Feng Shui tips and advises too.

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Happy New Year! ... Kung Hei Fat Choi!

Warmest greetings from your PRA family

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