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Taming the Water Tiger



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What does the animal sign of Tiger in Chinese horoscope signify? What are the personality traits of Tiger and what's in store in the Year of the Tiger? Feng Shui master, Jane Hor, gives an outlook on what augurs for us in the Year of the Tiger.
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The Chinese year of the Tiger is the third year of the 12-year cycle of Chinese Zodiac animals. If you were born in 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, or 2010, you are a Tiger.

According to legend, Tiger was confident that it would win the celestial race contest that would decide the order of the Zodiacs. However, when Tiger arrived in front of the Emperor of the Heavens, the Rat had already won the first prize while the Ox was placed second. This left the king of the jungle having to settle for third place.

The tiger is a prominent animal in Chinese culture. From art to architecture, from religious parables to bedtime stories, from the names of buildings to the names of mountains—tigers command a notable position. In the traditional Daoist worldview, tigers are the avenging servants of justice. They are a direct opposition to evil spirits and are powerful representatives of divine providence.

PERSONALITY TRAITS OF A TIGER

People born in years of the Tiger are fiercely independent and possess strong self-esteem. However, they are not very gregarious. Their energetic presence and intense eyes are the greatest charm, and their vitality is apparent. People are instinctively drawn to this larger-than-life persona in them.

Tigers are lively and cheerful. They love freedom and independence, and value their personal space fiercely. Tigers usually have a keen sense of

justice. However, Tigers may also appear unrefined or thoughtless in the way they handle things and that can be interpreted as ignorance or foolhardiness.

In general, Tigers possess great tenacity. They are loyal, quick and at the centre of attention in everything they do. They are brave and self-assured and have the aura to strike fear in the hearts of their enemies and confidence in the hearts of their allies.

Their strength is also their weakness. Renowned for their forceful presence and charm, they are also feared for their vaulting ambition and their tendency to be unpredictable. Tigers are said to be mercurial, irritable, and prone to whims and flights of fancy.

Queen Elizabeth II, American actress and singer, Marylyn Monroe, former Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, and Usain Bolt, the fastest man in the world, are all Tigers.

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THE BA ZI OF THE TIGER YEAR 2022

This year's Chinese New Year falls on 1st February 2022.

According to Feng Shui master, Jane Hor, many people mistakenly thought that we have entered the Year of the Tiger come the first day of Chinese New Year. Master Jane, an active geomancy consultant and speaker, is also the top-selling author of the book, *12 Chinese Zodiac Signs*, published annually by Popular Bookstore since 2009.

"In reality, we only officially enter the Year of The Tiger on the day of 'Li Chun' (the beginning of Spring) which falls on 4th February at 4:58am," says Master Jane. 'Li Chun' is the first of the 24 solar seasons; 'Li' signifies the beginning of all seasons and 'Chun' means spring, signifying the beginning of the year and all things new.

This year, 'Li Chun' happens to arrive after the first day of Chinese New Year.

Master Jane says that based on 'Li Chun', the Ba Zi or the 'Four Pillars of Destiny' can be constructed for each new year. Ba Zi, which literally means "eight characters" or "eight words" in Chinese, determines a person's destiny by the two sexagenary cycle characters assigned to their birth year, month, day, and hour.

She says by combining both the concepts of Ba Zi and Feng Shui, we can read the predictions for the new year.

"The coming year is the Water Tiger year," says Master Jane. "To read the Ba Zi of this new year, there are two other aspects to incorporate, i.e., the Period of

Eight Flying Stars and the Flying Stars Chart of 2022 (see Chart 1). The 20 year-period from the year 2004 to 2023 is considered as the Period of Eight Flying Stars. There are in total nine periods and each period would govern 20 years.

"We are now near a transition period, which means there would be much turmoil and disorders happening in the world. The next period coming soon is the Period of Nine Flying Stars that would preside between 2024-2043," she says.

Master Jane stresses that

when studying the Ba Zi, it is also necessary to incorporate the 2022 Flying Stars Chart. Every year, a different Flying Star will be governing a particular year and for 2022, it is the Five Yellow Disaster Star that will be the governing the year. The rest of the Flying Stars will change according to eight different directions.

"To study one's Ba Zi, we need to look at the elements possessed by the individuals and it is important to create a balance between all the elements. The aim is to have a balanced Ba Zi with

FLYING STAR CHART

2022 Flying Star Chart

流年飞星图

South 南				
4	9	2		
East 东	3	5	7	West 西
8	1	6		
北 North				

Period of Eight Flying Star Chart

八运九宫飞星图

South 南				
7	3	5		
East 东	6	8	1	West 西
2	4	9		
北 North				

Chart 1

2022 WATER TIGER YEAR BAJI

Beginning of Spring 立春八字

(时) Time 七杀		(日) Day 日元		(月) Month 偏财		(年) Year 偏财	
Jia 甲 Wood		Wu 戊 Earth		Ren 壬 Water		Ren 壬 Water	
Yin 寅 Wood (Tiger)		Zi 子 Water (Rat)		Yin 寅 Wood (Tiger)		Yin 寅 Wood (Tiger)	
甲 Wood	七杀	葵 Water	正财	甲 Wood	七杀	甲 Wood	七杀
丙 Fire	偏印			丙 Fire	偏印	丙 Fire	偏印
戊 Earth	比肩			戊 Earth	比肩	戊 Earth	比肩

Chart 2



no extremes of any element," she says.

The Ba Zi of the Tiger Year this year is quite peculiar (*refer to Chart 2*), says Master Jane. The year has only three elements—Water, Wood and Earth—present and there is a complete absence of Metal and Fire elements.

"We need all the elements to balance one another. But for this Tiger year, there is abundant of Water and Wood, which means they would flood the Earth. And then the Earth element is weakened as there are no Fire or Metal elements.

"So, what can be done? If your elements are missing, you need to follow others so that you can have the elements in your life. The application here is that if we can't overpower an enemy, we just need to submit to it in order to survive. As the saying goes, if you can't beat them, join them," she says.

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volatile beginning for the Year of the Tiger and there will be quite a lot of natural disasters, particularly during the middle of the year. But from autumn onwards, things will turn for the better.

YEAR OF THE TIGER PREDICTIONS FOR MALAYSIA

In 2022, the Malaysian political

scene will be less volatile compared to the previous years. The government will be quite stable, and there won't be as much opposition to the reigning party as in the previous years.

Master Jane says economy wise, there will be a lot of opportunities for investments. The Year of the Tiger will witness a lot of active and vigorous investment activities, both in the country and abroad.

"Illegal and online gambling will be rampant and one has to be on high alert. People will come out with different ways to dupe and lure others into illegal activities such as scams and frauds," she says.

On the other hand, she says that the 'Qi Shar' stars representing the stars of Investment and Innovation are very prominent. "When you attempt to do something different, you have the chance to stand out," she says.

However, she cautions that we need to be careful of the Presiding God (Tai Sui) which is the Tiger, and Year Breaker (Shui Po) which is the Monkey. Presiding God falls on teenagers who need to be careful not to abuse the law.

Master Jane says that as the Wood element is strong for this Tiger Year, any wood-related industries such as pharmaceutical, plantation, printing and furniture industries will be active but facing a lot of competition.

"The big players would survive but it will be a difficult year for the smaller players. However, those involved in import and export

trades will fare well," she says.

Water-related industries that include travel and tourism, cargo, transportation and airfreight will only be more promising and fare better in the third quarter of the year.

"They need to watch out for the 'Three Killing Star' stars that fall under the Northern area. While things will be getting better, there are many restrictions as well," says Master Jane.

For the earth-related industries such as construction and agriculture industries, they won't be having good returns. Meanwhile, fire-related industries that include e-commerce, telecommunication, beauty, and the energy fields will fare moderately.

"But these industries must be extra careful during the periods between May and July, as the IT industry would encounter rampant virus attacks and system failures," says Master Jane.

She says since the Ba Zi of this Tiger Year does not contain any Metal element, the development of metal-related industry, such as banking and finance and entertainment will be quite weak. However, the chances of partnerships and mergers will be high, especially in the forex and gold investment fields. But competition among organisations will be quite intense.

"Overall, we will see a lot of short-term investments that are not long-lasting. From the first month onwards, the market will become quite intense and seem promising. But in reality, they are just short-term sparkles. We

need to pay attention from the end of April to July but from the beginning of autumn, we will see better results," she says.

A YEAR WHEN EMOTIONS RUN HIGH

Master Jane says a negative side of the Year of the Tiger is that it will bring about a lot of pressures and negative emotions. Because of that, mental health is of a great concern.

"People's emotions can run high and even lead to violence and vengeance. This year will witness many conflicts and impulsive actions. People will need to be careful of such things," she says.

This year's Ba Zi shows the Tiger to be active, thus it is a year that sees many people to be on the move, to be travelling around and out of the country.

"When there are so many movements, we need to be careful of accidents. The rate of accidents particularly those involving public transportation, will be very high, especially in the Lunar month of January, April, July, and October," says Master Jane.

On top of that, there will be places prone to landslides and other natural disasters, and they will be most apparent in the Lunar months of March, June, September, and December.

TIGER IN WATER-TIGER YEAR

Master Jane says this year's Water Tiger is one that is residing deep in the forest. He is full of confidence and very good in socialising and very extroverted. But he is also impulsive, very

straightforward and easily tempted. But he can easily get hurt.

Her advice is for everyone to have more self-control, to think twice before we act and do some planning before making any major decision. At the same time, we should also be brave enough to step up and be innovative especially in our career.

Those born in the Year of Tiger is said to have 'Ben Ming Nian' in the coming year, being born in the same zodiac year.

"Having 'Ben Ming Nian' usually would signify an inauspicious year, as they are known to offend the powerful Yearly God that governs the entire year (Fan Tai Sui). Therefore, it is believed that a person in his 'Ben Ming Nian' will likely to suffer setbacks and misunderstandings and even possibly meet with disasters," she says.

On top of that, this Year of the Tiger has no auspicious stars but instead has lots of inauspicious stars, says Master Jane. Therefore, she advises those born in the Year of Tiger to think twice before making decisions. There are also some concerns over their health such as the perils of surgeries.

"If you are a Tiger, you have to rely on yourself and not rely on others because there are high chances of people poking stabbing you from the back," she adds.

But not all is doom. There are ways to combat this turn of bad luck she says, such as attending more occasions of happiness to boost up your fortune. And if you work along with the flow of fortune

and destiny, you should be able to overcome any serious challenge that comes your way.

"We are almost at the end of the many challenges, including the pandemic. But there will be another downside from April to July to watch out for," says Master Jane.

On a scale of 1 to 10, she rates the Year of the Tiger to be between 6-7.

"The year does not begin well but will improve much toward the end of the year. And when we enter into the Year of the Rabbit, it will be a good year for everyone," she concludes. ☺

MASTER JANE HOR'S FORECAST: WHAT'S IN STORE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

FOR INDIVIDUALS

1. Be brave enough to step up and be innovative especially in your career. When you attempt to do something different, you have the chance to stand out.
2. Have more self-control, think twice before you act, and do some planning before making any major decision.

FOR BUSINESSES

1. There will be a lot of active and vigorous investment activities, both in the country and abroad.
2. Wood-related industries such as pharmaceutical, plantation, printing and furniture industries will be active but facing a lot of competition.
3. Water-related industries like travel and tourism, cargo, transportation and airfreight will fare better in the third quarter of the year.
4. Fire-related industries that include e-commerce, telecommunication, beauty, and the energy fields will fare moderately.
5. The chances of partnerships and mergers will be high, especially in the forex and gold investment fields.

