

# WUXI UPDATE

## MRE WUXI SPOTLIGHT



● **The 2009 Spring Painting and Calligraphy Exhibition** opens in Wuxi Culture and Arts Creation Center now and it will last until February 10th. Totally 120 art works from famous painters and calligraphers in Wuxi are displayed.

● On **Chinese New Year's Eve**, the New Year Bell will be rung together in 5 temples, which are Xiangfu Temple in Lingshan Park, Huishan Temple in Xihui Park, Guangfu Temple in Turtle Head Park, Kaiyuan Temple in Plum Garden and Nanchan Temple. In addition, apart from a flower exhibition, Xihui Park will also hold a Lantern Fair on the Lantern Festival (the 15th day of the 1st Chinese lunar month). In Plum Garden, drum play, lion dance and dragon dance will be performed.

● **Flights from Wuxi to Harbin** has resumed on January 12th 2009. The flight ZH9269 will take off from Wuxi at 8:30 and arrive in Harbin at 12:00. The return flight ZH9270 will take off from Harbin at 12:40 and arrive in Wuxi at 16:00. Please dial "400-88-95080" to book tickets.

● Maxxelli Real Estate office will close from 25th January till 31st January 2009 for Chinese New Year Holiday and will reopen on Sunday 1st February 2009. We wish you and your family a happy Spring Festival!

## MRE FOCUS

### CHINESE SPRING FESTIVAL

Spring Festival is the most important festival for Chinese people and is when all family members get together, just like Christmas in the West.

It falls on the 1st day of the 1st lunar month. It is a national carnival to welcome the spring after a long and gloomy winter, and to celebrate last year's harvest with good food, dragon dancing and firecrackers.

There are many customs accompanying the Spring Festival. On the 8th day of the 12th lunar month, many families make Laba porridge, a kind of porridge made with glutinous rice, jujube berries, lotus seeds and beans. People also attach great importance to Spring Festival Eve. The meal for the eve is more luxurious than usual. Dishes such as chicken, fish and bean curd cannot be excluded, because in Chinese, their pronunciations, respectively "ji", "yu" and "doufu", mean auspiciousness, abundance and richness.

Year 2009 is the Year of the Ox. Ox is one of the 12-year-cycle animals in the Chinese lunar calendar. It symbolizes prosperity through fortitude and hard work. It is called "niu" in Chinese and sounds similar to the English word "new".

## MRE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



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## WUXI HOUSING RECOMMENDED



### Vanke Eastern Impression

Located in the centre of Wuxi New District. This apartment is fully decorated and fully equipped in Western style.

Auchan supermarket, restaurants and hospitals are within 10 minutes walking distance.

95 sqm / 2 bedrooms

**Monthly Rental:** 5,500RMB (including tax and management fee)

## OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

### Top 4 Scenery Spots in Suzhou



**Tiger Hill**  
Hu Qiu



**The Humble Administrator's Garden** / Zhuo Zheng Yuan



**Suzhou Museum**  
Suzhou Bo Wu Guan



**Science and Cultural Arts Centre**  
Ke Wen Zhong Xin