

*Please join the Vietnam Center and Archive  
as we celebrate...*

*- Tet -*

# *The Vietnamese New Year*

*Thursday, January 19th*

*3:00 pm - 5:00 pm*

*The International Cultural Center*

*Hall of Nations*

*Texas Tech University*

The Vietnam Center cordially invites you to join us as we celebrate Tet, the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, on Thursday, January 19th, 2012. Please come sample Vietnamese cuisine and learn more about the rich heritage and culture that makes Vietnam so remarkable.

January 23, 2012 ushers in the Lunar Year of the Dragon. In Vietnam, one of 12 animals of the zodiac represents each year. In many Asian cultures, including Vietnam, the Year of the Dragon is considered to be the most desirable year to be born in, as the dragon brings luck, strength, independence, nobility, wisdom, and a promising future. It is believed that the Year of the Dragon brings good fortune to people, including wealth, health, good marriages, and new children.

The Vietnamese people regard Tet as their most important holiday. Food preparation for Tet is very time consuming and often requires days of cooking and, prior to the celebrations, people clean, paint, and decorate their homes.

People avoid cleaning during Tet so that good luck will not be “swept away.”

We hope you will be able to join us on January 19th, 2012 as we celebrate this special event!

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