

Happy Chinese New Year!

Intlang Consulting Group wishes you a prosperous Year of Dog!

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## Chinese New Year and Christmas Celebrations

16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Chinese New Year (CNY), starting a 15-day festival celebration. There are many similarities between how people celebrate CNY and Christmas.

### Australia

Company Christmas parties and putting up Christmas decorations.

Traditionally a family celebration - dinner with close family members, watching Christmas carols, or staying up late for Christmas Eve mass.

Rushing around to have meals with parents & close relatives, followed by several days of seeing extended family and friends. Giving and receiving many gifts, with food and beverage consumption high!

Christmas and NY celebrations extend to a week or 10 days. Many people take extended leave until mid-January.

New year is not generally the time to conduct serious business discussions. Though in China, it's a time to celebrate with your colleagues and friends, or rekindle some good will for the new year ahead. Intlang can help prepare your business for new overseas ventures in the year ahead – contact us today. Wishing you a prosperous Chinese New Year!

### China

#### 1. Two weeks before

Company CNY parties and putting up Chinese New Year decorations.

#### 2. “Christmas Eve vs. CNY Eve”

The most important family celebration - reunion dinner with close family, watching special CNY variety TV programmes, fireworks and fire crackers at midnight.

#### 3. “Christmas Day vs. CNY Day”

Rushing around to have meals with parents. The first 5 days of CNY are spent with family, and with friends after the 6<sup>th</sup> day; Giving and receiving gifts (including “红包 (hóng bāo)” or red envelopes), with food and beverage consumption high!

#### 4. Returning to Work

Some people return to work after 6<sup>th</sup> day, many others will take extensive time off to be with family until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the celebration.

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