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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CELEBRATION FEATURES CHINESE NEW YEAR

CHARLESTON—It's for everyone and it's free.

Students and the Charleston community are invited to attend this year's "Year of the Tiger" New Year celebration Friday on the Eastern Illinois University campus.

Activities begin at 6 p.m. in Lumpkin Hall, Room 122. A 20-minute video explaining the significance of the holiday to the Chinese will be shown, followed by a presentation by Chinese Student Association President Qiang Xiong Ma, who will give an overview of the culture, politics and economy of China. A display of Chinese artifacts and handicrafts will be available for viewing. Refreshments will be served.

The event is sponsored by the Chinese Student Association and International Programs. Kitenge N'Gambwa, International Programs student advisor, said the celebration will help attendees better understand the Chinese culture and achieve harmony in a diverse community.