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Lunar New Year Celebration



▲ Ringing in the year of the rabbit on February 2nd 2011 (*Beijing Time*)

February 3rd, 2011, at 2pm, VIPP staff, fellows, and their families celebrated the beginning of the Lunar New Year as we left the year of the Tiger and entered the year of the Rabbit. The staff and fellows met in the Spartan Village Community Center where they played games, made and shared traditional Chinese cuisine like Jiao Zi (dumplings), and learned about the customs and significance surrounding the Lunar New Year.

The year of the rabbit is traditionally associated with home, family, artistic pursuits, diplomacy, and keeping the peace. Therefore we may look forward to a calmer 2011 in both the personal and international arenas. Those born in a year of the rabbit are associated with being calm, quiet, but persistent individuals. These individuals are likely to take their time in making a decision, but once decided are far less likely to change their mind than other signs.

We at VIPP wish you and yours a happy and prosperous year of the rabbit. ■

Mark Your Calendar:

MSU Spring Break is March 7th through March 11th. MSU and GIPCC classes will not be held during this time.

Staff Profile



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MSU for 16 years, VIPP for 15.
1988 Sichuan University, China
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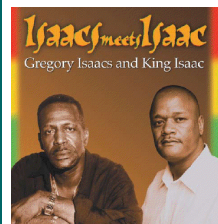
One thing you'd spend \$1,000 on: Flowers

Favorite Holiday: None, but I wish we had more.

Favorite Dessert: Cheese Cake

VIPP at the GRAMMYS®

Sunday, February 13th, 2011, VIPP had a presence



Isaacs meets Isaac
Gregory Isaacs and King Isaac

at the GRAMMY® awards when our very own Isaac Kalumbu (known on stage as King Isaac) was nominated alongside Gregory Isaacs for Best Reggae Album for their album *Isaacs meets Isaac*.

Isaac traveled to Los Angeles, California, where he attended a reception for GRAMMY® nominees on Saturday and the pre-televised awards ceremony on Sunday, where the GRAMMY® for his category was awarded. Later that evening he attended the prime-time televised awards ceremony.



The Chinese Higher Education program is a two-week higher education program running from March 19th until April 2nd that will see 19 administrators from Dalian University of Technology

in Dalian, Liaoning, China, coming to MSU to learn about American Higher Education Administration. They will be visiting various MSU departments, attending lectures and seminars, meeting their MSU counterparts, and visiting other Michigan Universities.