

CHINESE HOROSCOPE: 2023 • THE YEAR OF THE HARE



For the tenth time, Magyar Posta is issuing a miniature sheet using motifs from the Chinese horoscope. This release shows the coming period from 22 January 2023 until 9 February 2024, that is the Year of the Hare associated with the element Water. Twenty thousand copies of the new stamp issue designed by Krisztina Maros were produced by the Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. printing company. The new issue will be available at first day post offices and Filaposta in Hungary from 16 January 2023, but may also be ordered from Magyar Posta's online store.

According to legend, the twelve signs in Chinese astrology were given their names when Buddha summoned all the animals of his kingdom but only twelve appeared. Buddha named a year after each of these animals, and people inherit the "personality traits" of the animal according to the year of their birth.

People born under the sign of the Hare are peaceful, quiet and sensitive to the world around them. They do not like risks or unforeseen situations, and are ill at ease in competitive and aggressive surroundings. They strive to create a homely and calm atmosphere around them. They are charming, elegant, kind social beings. Their openness, good-heartedness, imagination and intelligence are able to turn enemies into friends. They are not typified by threatening or belligerent behaviour, and they are only rarely obstinate. When in trouble, they tend to conceal problems. In their way of life security is considered important, avoiding conflicts and complications. (Source: <https://hu.wikipedia.org>)

It is thought that in 2023, the Year of the Hare, greater attention will be given to culture, and there will be greater sensitivity to beauty and love. In family relationships, some ties will be charged with new dynamism while the time of others will be passed and these will not be continued. An outstanding period in work or study is to be expected. It is worthwhile devoting more time to leisure activities and to perfect them as benefits can be gained from this. The Year of the Hare will be followed by the Year of the Dragon in 2024.

Variations of a hare motif adorned with flowers appear in the two stamp designs of the miniature sheet and on the cover. The floral pattern is repeated in the imprint of the special postmark on the first day cover.

Order code:

2023010040011 (miniature sheet)

2023010060012 (FDC)

Issued on: 16 January 2023

Total face value: HUF 2,000

(On the date of issue, this can be used as a supplementary denomination.)

Printing technique:

4-colour offset

Number of copies: 20,000

Perforated size of stamps:

40 x 25 mm

External imperforated size of miniature sheet:

120 x 70 mm

Paper type:

White, wood-free, surface-treated, gummed stamp paper with optical whitener

Printed by Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. (miniature sheet), Codex Zrt. (FDC)

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