

CHINESE HOROSCOPE: 2025 – THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE



For the twelfth time, Magyar Posta is issuing a miniature sheet using motifs from the Chinese horoscope. This release shows the coming period from 29 January 2025 until 16 February 2026, that is the Year of the Snake. Twenty thousand copies of the new stamp issue designed by Kamilla Hu-Yang were produced by the Pénzjegynyomda Zrt. printing company. The new issue will be available at first day post offices and Filaposta in Hungary from 21 January 2025, but may also be ordered from Magyar Posta's online store.

Chinese astrology is a tradition and doctrine rooted in Chinese culture, which explains the behavior of the basic elements of the world (Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, Water), the most important building blocks of the universe, the order and cycle of nature. In 2025, the Snake will be associated with the element Tree. The most recent birth years for the Snake sign are 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013 and 2025.

Known for its mysterious, intuitive, quiet and wise nature, the Snake is an interesting and noteworthy character: it is simultaneously charismatic, mysterious and perceptive, and almost charms people with its radiance. His need for introspection and personal development is deeply rooted, learning is his essence. It is a rather cautious and suspicious sign, but if you gain its trust, it can become a devoted partner. The snake symbolizes wisdom, elegance, keeping secrets and renewal.

The snake's long, legless body and hunting instinct usually fill people with fear, but according to ancient Chinese teachings, it is a respectable and wise creature, thanks to the Chinese mother goddess Nü-va, who is also famous for her snake body, and who, according to belief, created humanity. Its shape is also connected to creation stories, conception, fertility and love, therefore it is considered a sign of good luck in China if a snake wanders into your yard. (Source: noklapja.hu)

The two different stamp designs in the miniature sheet, the commemorative first day cover and the postmark on the first day cover feature snake motifs.

Order code:

2025010040011 (min. sheet)

2025010060012 (FDC)

Issued on: 21 January 2025**Total face value:** HUF 4720

(On the date of issue, HUF 1180 pays the postage of a non-priority letter up to 50 g, or postcard or picture postcard outside Europe.)

Printing technique:

4-colour offset

Number of copies: 20,000**Perforated size of stamps:**

25 x 40 mm

External imperforated size of miniature sheet:

70 x 120 mm

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

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