

Mizuho Bank, Ltd.
 China Business Promotion Department
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Chinese Holidays and Anniversaries in 2021

Festivals and Statutory Holiday Duration

New Year's Day	January 1	1 day
Spring Festival	New Year's Day (Chinese calendar)	3 days*
Tomb-sweeping Festival	April 5	1 day
International Labor Day	May 1	1 day
Dragon-Boat Festival	May 5 (Chinese calendar)	1 day
National Day	October 1	3 days
Mid-autumn Festival	August 15 (Chinese calendar)	1 day

* While three days for Spring Festival holiday duration is statutorily stipulated, it is often the case with public offices and companies, etc. in China that the Spring Festival holidays and National Day holidays are connected with other non-working days, such as Saturday and Sunday, in the vicinity of the statutorily stipulated three-day holidays, in order to make seven consecutive holidays, as shown below in *Official National Holidays and Substitute Business Days in 2021*.

* Spring Festival (Chinese New Year's Day) for 2021–2024	
2021	February 12
2022	February 1
2023	January 22
2024	February 10

Official National Holidays and Substitute Business Days in 2021

The General Office of the State Council of the People's Republic of China announced the following official national holidays and substitute business days that were stipulated for 2021 based on its circular [2020] No.27, issued on November 25, 2020.

Name	Official National Holidays		Substitute Business Day
New Year's Day	January 1 (Fri.) to January 3(Sun.)	3 days	—
Spring Festival	Feb 11 (Thu.) to February 17 (Wed.)	7 days	February 7 (Sun.) February 20 (Sat.)
Tomb-sweeping Festival	April 3 (Sat.) to April 5 (Mon.)	3 days	—
International Labor Day	May 1 (Sat) to May 5 (Wed.)	5 days	April 25 (Sun.) May 8 (Sat.)
Dragon-Boat Festival	June 12 (Sat.) to June 14 (Mon.)	3 days	—
Mid-autumn Festival	September 19 (Sun.) to September 21 (Tue.)	3 days	September 18 (sat.)
National Day	October 1 (Fri.) to October 7 (Thu.)	7 days	September 26 (Sun.) October 9 (Sat.)

Traditional Holidays

January 15 (Chinese calendar)	Lantern Festival (Chinese society has a custom where people eat <i>tangyuan</i> [glutinous rice balls in sweet soup], which is considered good luck for bringing happiness to the family, on this day.)
May 5 (Chinese calendar)	Dragon-Boat Festival (Chinese society has a custom where people eat <i>zongzi</i> [glutinous rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves] on this day.)
July 7 (Chinese calendar)	Double Seventh Festival
September 9 (Chinese calendar)	Double Ninth Festival (respect-for-the-aged day)

As Chinese society often respects traditional customs as shown above, due consideration and arrangements for customs are sometimes required on the part of employers who have employees from China.

Other Holidays

Date	Holiday	Note
January 21	Anniversary of Vladimir Lenin's Death	1924
March 8	International Working Women's Day	Half-day off for women
March 12	Anniversary of Sun Wen's Death	1925; Arbor Day
March 14	Anniversary of Karl Marx's Death	1883
April 22	Anniversary of Lenin's Birth	1870
May 4	May Fourth Movement Memorial Day	1919; National Youth Day
May 5	Anniversary of Marx's Birth	1818
May 30	May Thirtieth Movement Memorial Day	1925
June 1	International Children's Day	For children under 13 years old
July 1	Anniversary of the Founding of the Chinese Communist Party	1921
July 1	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day	1997
July 7	July Seventh Anti-Japanese War Memorial Day	1937; Lugou Bridge Incident
August 1	Army Day	Half-day off only for those who are in active military service 1927; Nanchang Uprising Memorial Day
September 3	Victory over Japan Day	1945
September 9	Anniversary of Mao Zedong's Death	1976
September 10	Teacher's Day	Day off for school personnel
September 18	September Eighteenth Incidents Memorial Day	1931; Liutiaohu Incident
September 25	Anniversary of Lu Xun's Birth	1881
October 1	National Day of the People's Republic of China	1949
October 10	Xinhai Revolution Memorial Day	1911
October 19	Anniversary of Lu Xun's Death	1936
November 7	October Socialist Revolution Memorial Day	1917
November 12	Anniversary of Sun Wen's Birth	1866
December 9	December 9th Beijing Students Movement to Resist Japan and Save the Nation	1935
December 13	National Memorial Day for Nanjing Massacre Victims	1937
December 26	Anniversary of Mao Zedong's Birth	1893

2021 Calendar

CN ... Holiday in China

JP ... Holiday in Japan

... Holiday in Japan and China

January						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					CN JP 1	CN 2
CN 3	4	5	6	7	8	CN 9
JP 10	JP 11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Chinese holidays : New Year's holiday from January 1 (Fri.) to January 3 (Sun.)
Japanese holidays : New Year's holiday on January 1 (Fri.), Coming Of-Age Day on January 11 (Mon.)

February						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	CN 6
JP 7	8	9	10	CN 11 JP 11	CN 12	CN 13
CN 14	CN 15	CN 16	CN 17	18	19	20
21	22	JP 23	24	25	26	27
28						

Chinese holidays : Spring Festival holidays from Feb 11 (Thu.) to Feb 17 (Wed.)
Substitute business day in China : February 7 (Sun.), Feb 20 (Sat.)
Japanese holidays : National Foundation Day on February 11 (Thu.), The Emperor's Birthday on February 23 (Sun.)

March						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	CN 6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	JP 20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Chinese holiday : There is no holiday in March.
Japanese holiday : Vernal Equinox Day on March 20 (Sat.)

April						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	CN 3
CN 4	CN 5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
JP 25	26	27	28	JP 29	30	

Chinese holidays : Tomb-sweeping Festival from April 3 (Sat.) to April 5 (Mon.)
Substitute business day in China : April 25 (Sat.), May 8 (Sat.)
Japanese holiday : Showa Day on April 29 (Thu.)

May						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						CN 1
CN 2	CN 3	CN 4	CN 5	6	7	JP 8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Chinese holiday : International Labor Day holidays from May 1 (Sat.) to May 5 (Wed.)
Substitute business day in China : Apr 25 (Sun.), May 8 (Sat.)
Japanese holidays : Constitution Day in May 3 (Mon.), Greenery Day on May 4 (Tue.), Children's Day on May 5 (Wed.)

June						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	CN 6
7	8	9	10	11	12	CN 13
CN 14	CN 15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Chinese holiday : Dragon Boat Festival from June 12 (Sat.) to June 14 (Mon.)
Japanese holiday : There is no holiday in June.

July						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	JP 22 JP 22	JP 23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Chinese holiday : There is no holiday in July.
Japanese holidays : Marine day on July 22 (Thu.), Sports Day on July 23 (Fri.)

August						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JP 8	JP 9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Chinese holiday : There is no holiday in August.
Japanese holiday : Mountain Day on August 8 (Sun.) and Substitute holiday on August 9 (Mon.)

September						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	JP 18
CN 19	CN 20	CN 21	22	JP 23	24	25
JP 26	27	28	29	30		

Chinese holiday : Mid-autumn Festival from September 19 (Sun.) to 21 (Tue.) Substitute business day in China : September 18 (Sat.)
Japanese holidays : Respect for the Aged Day on September 20 (Mon.), Autumn Equinox Day on Sep 23 (Thu.)

October						
日	月	火	水	木	金	土
					CN 1	CN 2
CN 3	CN 4	CN 5	CN 6	CN 7	JP 8	JP 9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Chinese holiday : National day holidays from October 1 (Fri.) to October 7 (Thu.) Substitute business day in China : September 26 (Sun.), October 9 (Sat.)
Japanese holiday : There is no holiday in October.

November						
日	月	火	水	木	金	土
	1	2	JP 3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	JP 23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Chinese holiday : There is no holiday in November.
Japanese holidays : Culture Day on November 3 (Wed.) and Labor Thanksgiving Day on November 23 (Tue.)

December						
日	月	火	水	木	金	土
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Chinese holiday : There is no holiday in December.
Japanese holiday : There is no holiday in December.

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