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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – On Sunday, Feb. 21 Illinois Wesleyan University's Asia Club will host a celebration of the Lunar New Year. The event, which is open to the public, will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Young Main Lounge of the Memorial Center (104 E. University St., Bloomington).

Although the event is free of charge, donations will be accepted on behalf of the Asia Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that provides underprivileged areas of Asia with supplies, such as books for schools. For more information, visit www.asiafoundation.org.

The Lunar New Year celebration will consist of an arrangement of Asian food, entertainment and displays of Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese and Korean culture provided by international students.

Much like American holidays, the Lunar New Year is a special time when families and friends gather together. "Since international students at Illinois Wesleyan are unable to go home and celebrate with their families, it has been a tradition for IWU to celebrate the Lunar New Year with them," said Katie Sill, president of the Asia Club.

While celebrating the New Year in America is always held on the same date, the Lunar New Year in Asia changes each year, as it is based on a different calendar. In Asia, the holiday is celebrated for multiple days and adults and students alike are given time off to celebrate.

For more information on the Lunar New Year celebration, e-mail Katie Sill at ksill@iwu.edu.

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