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Li Chun: 1st Solar Term
'Start of Spring'
February 4, 2013
Sun = 315°

Li Chun occurs this year on February 4 and is known as the '**Start of or, Standig Up of Spring**' according to the Chinese Solar calender. It is the first of the 24 Solar Terms which divide the year into 24 'terms' or seasonal markers. Based on the 360° passage of the Earth around the Sun, each term is 15° which translates into 15 days per term.

Li Chun begins when the sun reaches the celestial longitude of 315° It is celebrated with special New Years events and festivals along with ceremonies and offerings to the gods for a prosperous New Year.