

大雪

Da
Xue

Da Xue: 21th Solar Term
'Major Snow'
December 7, 2013
Sun = 255°

Da Xue occurs this year on December 7 and is known as 'Major Snow'. It is the twenty-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.

Da Xue means the times of snowfalls increase, and the quantity of snow becomes large. In ancient China, this phase can be divided into three sections, that is, gulls and cuckoo stop singing, the tiger begins searching for a partner and the small Chinese iris (荔) comes out. It is a time of dryness so be sure to keep moist, internally and externally. Ice is the spirit of water in a state of repose.