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Today's Topic . . . Red Day

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An American friend of mine has just turned 60. If he were living in the

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U.S, this birthday wouldn't be so special, but he lives in Japan. Why is

60 such an important birthday? It's because of the way the years are

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counted. There is a 12-year animal cycle, and when people complete five

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cycles, their first life is complete. They start their second life at 60.

People give them birthday gifts that are red. Traditionally, the birthday

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boy or girl wears a red hat and vest called "chanchanko," but these days

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you can buy special T-shirts and even red underpants.

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Q What is this celebration called in Japanese? Write two kanji. ___ ___