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EDITOR'S NOTE

DEAR READERS,



We spend one third of our time in the office on most days. No doubt, the office environment has a crucial impact to our physical health and mental well-being. This issue of ProsperTimesTM discloses Feng Shui tips in our workplace. It recommends enhancements that you can attempt to put in place to liven up your working environment and cautions you on certain taboos to avoid.

Have you ever wondered why career advancement opportunities do not come knocking at your doors despite the hard work and effort that you put in? Why do your projects always face challenges and obstacles? Why are you always overlooked during your company's promotion exercise? Why is it that your team members cannot work harmoniously with each other? Read on to find out if you can find some clues in answering these questions.

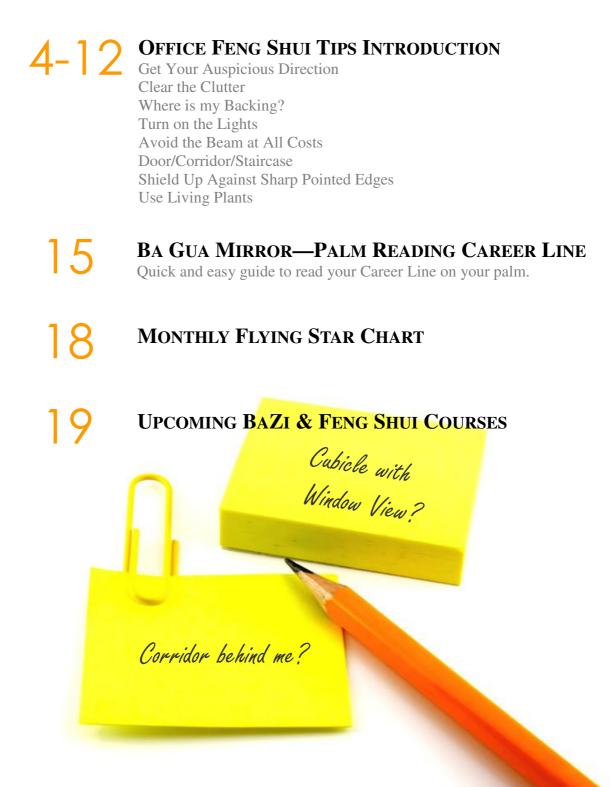
Still focusing on career, this issue's "BaGua Mirror" shares with you some palm reading techniques to shed some light on your career luck. Learn how to identify the Career Line and take note of the ups and downs of your career path. Look out for these luscious insights in this segment.

The Flying Star Feng Shui series will continue to share with you some tips in applying simple Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Feng Shui for the month of June. A small amendment in the placement in a particular sector may help to alleviate the negative impact for that month! You never know, it may just work for you!

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Feng Shui Tips For Office

is all too familiar. The manager an-

nounces a relocation, a restructuring or rolls out expansion plans, and people scurry to survey the new office layout plan and start to put their name tags on their new ideal work desk.

"I need to sit here so that I have an unobstructed overview of my team," says one. "I need to sit next to a window with a good view to stimulate my creativity," says another. The third one will say, "I wouldn't want people walking behind my back so that I can concentrate and focus on my work!" Everyone wants to sit in a favourable location, good sector and overlooking an optimal direction.

To many, selecting a good seat in the office is as important as attending the yearend appraisal. This is not surprising as most of us spend more than one-third of the day in the office. A conducive working environment will bring many gains and benefits. Similarly, a good Feng Shui office layout with proper and pragmatic space planning will increase staff performance, improve productivity and promote harmonious working relationships.

Let me share with you some tips in office Feng Shui.

Get Your Auspicious Directions



Based on your Chinese Animal Zodiac, there is an easy way to determine your auspicious directions.

If you have been an avid follower of Prosper-Times[™], you would have probably known how to determine your auspicious directions. I have gone through it step-by-step in my March 2010 issue (Page 8-10). For those of you who are reading ProsperTimes[™] for the first time, you may access my previous issues on my website (<u>www.ProsperWithFengShui.com</u> or <u>www.CHANGConsultancy.com/publications.php</u>).

Once you have determined your auspicious directions, it is ideal to sit in or face one of your auspicious directions in your office.

Recall ... How to Determine Auspicious Directions



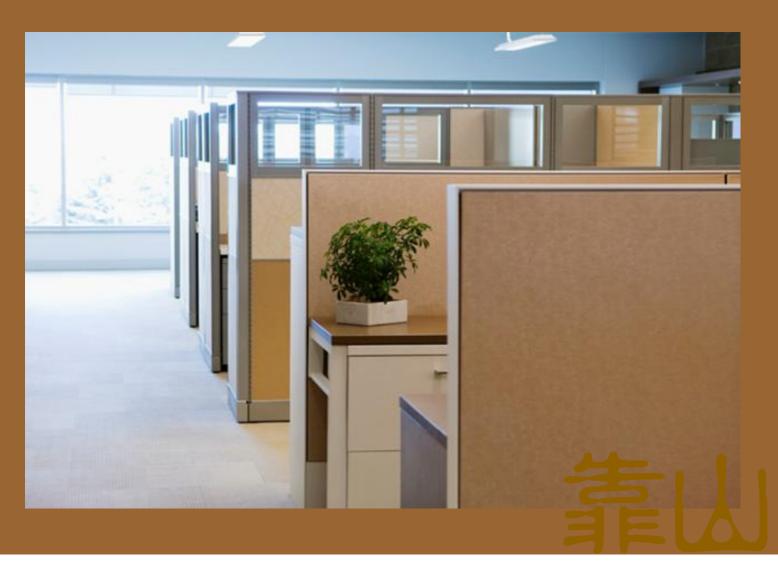
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Always remember to keep your work place clean, neat and tidy.

A cluttered work place may stifle your creativity and impede your analytical abilities. It costs you time in locating your right document and it portrays a negative impression to your superiors. Just imagine, if you cannot even keep your own work place neat and organised, how would they be able to entrust more important roles and responsibilities to you? Look around you, if there are items that you haven't seen for a while and you don't even know that they exist, it is good time that you discard them straight away. Don't wait. Start today.

A clean and neat work place will allow you to focus better and give you a clearer mind to tackle challenging issues. Leave a good impression and it may help you in your career advancement.



Where is my Backing?

We need supporters in our proposition. We need people to believe in our ideas and back us all the way!

The backing that I am referring to means something else. In Feng Shui, it is ideal that when we sit at our desk, we have our backs against a solid wall or partition. This relates to having a "Mountain" (靠山) behind your back supporting you.

By having a "Mountain" behind your back, it quells distractions and allows you

to concentrate much better. You wouldn't want people peeping over your shoulders to see what you are up to and you wouldn't like a lot of activities behind your back that will take your focus away from critical matters at hand.

A backing will give you the needed peace and calmness so that you can concentrate on doing a good job and minimise the likelihood of errors. Having cabinets, bookshelves or potted plants at your back may do the trick as well.



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Turn on the Ligh

YOU do not need to be in the limelight but your work place has to be brightly lit.

There is no absolute value to the optimal brightness. Different people have different preferences. As long as the environment is not so dim that you have to strain your eyes to make meanings of what you are doing, or so bright that you have difficulties opening your eyes, it should be fine.

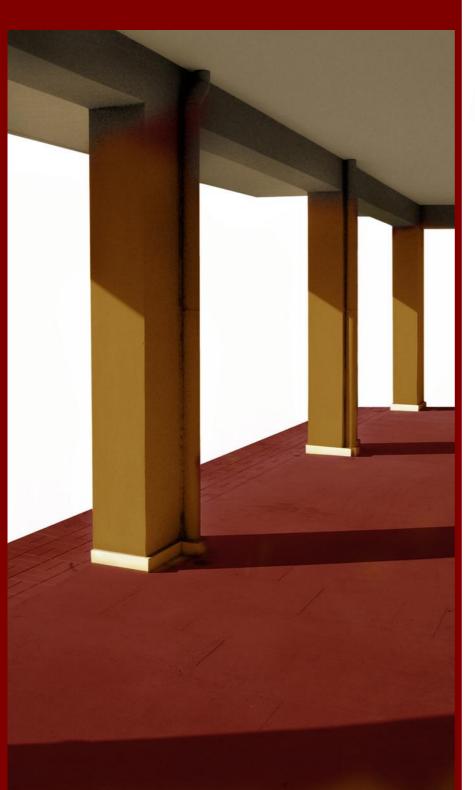
Brightness tends to have an emotional

bearing on people. A brightly lit room is naturally more inviting as compared to a dim one. A bright room makes you want to work and thus, raising the productivity bar.

On the contrary, a dim one gives you a more relaxing feeling and causes you to slip into your sleep mode more easily.

It is also beneficial to bring in more natural lighting. Natural sunlight can do more wonders than artificial ones.

Avoid the Beam at All Costs





It is extremely detrimental to sit under a beam. A beam is a structural element of a building. It sustains tremendous stresses and strains to hold the architecture in place. Unknown to many and invisible to our naked eyes, the beams exert a tremendous downward pressure.

If your desk is situated under a beam or you are sitting under it, shift away immediately! If you always feel stressed and heavy burden on your shoulders, this could be the reason. Relieve yourself from the pressure and you will slowly find yourself less agitated and frustrated. Your relationship with your colleagues will also gradually improve. You will enjoy going to work and you will be a happier person.



Your Back on Doors or Corridors

This point further reiterates my earlier point on the importance of having a "Mountain" at your back. Doors or corridors are transitional spaces and areas of activities. It is crucial that you avoid sitting in an orientation where your back is facing transitional spaces like the door or corridor. You will feel uneasy, thus affecting your work performance and productivity.

Avoid Facing Staircase

StairCases alter air flow and cause quick exiting of energies. It is therefore not ideal to face one when you sit at your work desk. This leads to divided attention and fatigue easily. Smooth delivery of results may be affected and you may face obstacles in your daily work. Facing a downward staircase implies results or performance going downhill. It is fine if the proximity of the staircase is far away.



Office Feng Shui Tip: Shield Up Against Sharp Pointed Edges

It is also undesirable to sit at your work desk facing the sharp pointed edge of a wall or pillar.

The unstable air flows from these sharp pointed edges have a negative impact to our health. These could also lead to more conflicts and scandals in the work place. The simplest way to avoid it is to move away.

If you cannot move away for certain reasons, you may consider constructing a partition or series of cabinets such that they are flushed with the edge of the wall. If budget is a constraint, place several potted plants to act as a shield against the undesirable influences.

Use Living Plants & Avoid Dried Flowers

Living plants make your environment lively and act as a natural air purifier. Research studies have shown that there is a correlation between productivity and the presence of living plants in your work place.

As we work long hours in an enclosed area, living plants add colour to our work place and improve the air quality, thus reducing instances of medical leave application. On the contrary, dried flowers are symbols of death and have a negative impact to the overall working environment. Unlike living plants, dried flowers do not improve the health and uplift the emotional being of the people.



Final Words **BFFORF** Knock Off

Notes of Meeting

Office Feng Shui Tips Summary * Get your auspicious directions right

- * Clear the clutter
- * Good Backing
- * Good Lighting
- * Avoid Beam
- * Avoid back facing door & corridor
- * Avoid facing staircase
- * Avoid facing sharp edges
- * Use Real plants and avoid dried flowers

There are, of course, much more to

Feng Shui techniques in commercial spaces. For example, selecting a good office or shop, locating the ideal place for key management office, locating the sales department, locating the cashier machine in a retail shop, planning the human traffic flow etc.

I have shared with you some simple tips in improving the Feng Shui of your work place and I hope you will benefit from them. It would not be possible for me to cover everything in an article. The points that I have covered will, however, give you a basic understanding on what to look out for in office Feng Shui.

With the help of Feng Shui, together with your effort and hard work, I wish you good luck and success in your career.

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QUICK PALM READING FOR THE DAY

READING YOUR

FLIP NEXT PAGE TO FIND OUT

Which Line Are You In?

would have been a normal working day for John (not his real name) if his manager had not called for an unusually early meeting. Dark rings showed up under his eyes and weariness in his bloodshot eyes was an indication that he had not been sleeping well the night before. John was anxious and nervous. Due to the global economic crisis, the MNC that he was working in had not been doing well. There were rumours of restructuring and retrenchment. This early meeting that his manager called for made John all the more uneasy. With his wife currently unemployed and staying at home to take care of their 2-month old baby boy, John needed his job more than ever.

Then the moment that he dreaded came. He was handed an envelope that he never wanted by his manager. The skies came crushing down. Teary co-workers along the corridor did not help matters. Rumours were confirmed. Restructuring was underway and John was retrenched. John stared at the envelope. His mind was blank and he did not even notice that his body was shaking uncontrollably at that time. The pay package might help to cushion the impact but for how long? John was down. John, at the age of 34, faced a low point in his career.

John's story, as illustrated above, is not an uncommon example. We face ups and downs in our career path. When we are successful, we should be humble and continue to work hard. When life does not turn out the way that we expect it to be, we must take it in good stride and pick ourselves up quickly. At successful times, we must also make ample preparations and be ready to take on any unexpected adversaries. This issue's BaGua Mirror shares with you some basic palm reading insights to sniff out the ups and downs of your career path.



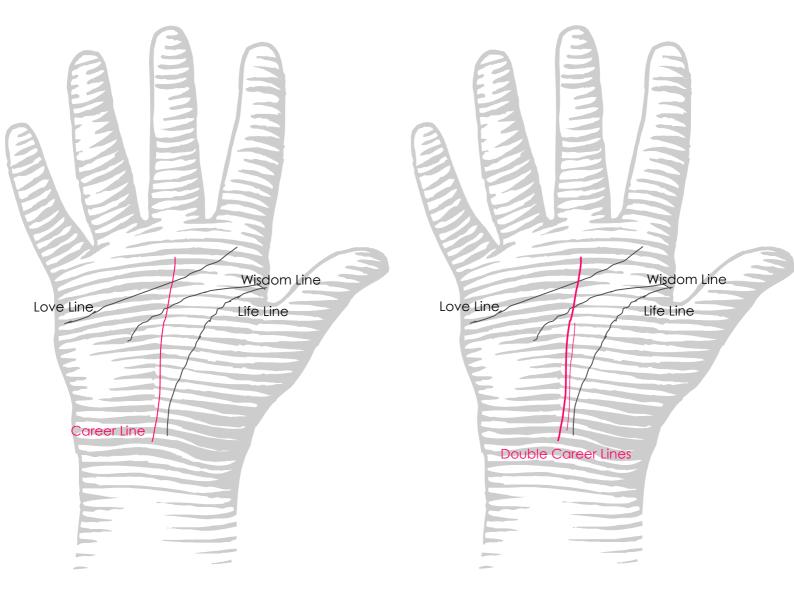
Identify Your Career Line

For simplicity sake, males - check out your left palm. Females should look at your right palm.

The Career Line is the center line on your palm. It runs from the lower part of your palm (near to your wrist) towards your middle finger. It governs your career luck and gives you an indication on how well you will do in your career.

The ideal Career Line should preferably be long and continuous, extending beyond the Wisdom Line and Love Line.

If you happen to have 2 Career Lines, it means that you will have 2 jobs or embark in 2 different businesses at the same time.



Know Where You Stand

NOW that you have identified your Career Line on your palm, I shall show you how you can determine the different stages of your career path. The start of the Career Line, which is at the lower part of your palm near to the wrist, signifies career luck at 15 years old.

The intersection point of the Career Line and the Wisdom Line on your palm represents career luck at 35 years old. This implies that the length of your Career Line from the starting point to the intersection point with the Wisdom Line governs your career luck from 15 to 35 years old.

The point, at which the Career Line and Love Line intersect, marks your career luck at 50 years old. Career luck from 35 to 50 years old is therefore governed by the Career Line that joins the 2 intersection points with the Wisdom Line and Love Line.

Beyond the intersection point with the Love Line, the Career Line indicates your career luck from 50 years old onwards.

Based on your current age, you should be able to identify where you stand on your Career Line on your palm.

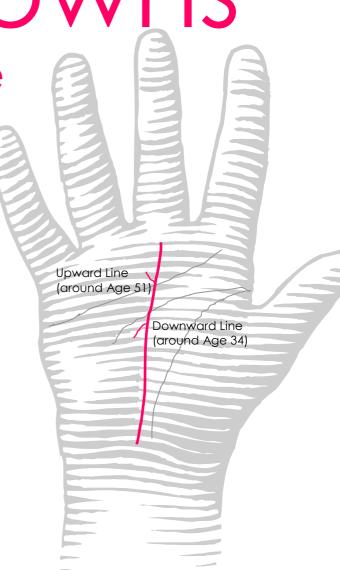
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	35 yrs old
	15 yrs old

Ups & Downs on the Career Line

Spotting ups and downs on the Career Line is easy. High point of your career is represented by an upward line that branches out from your main Career Line.

On the contrary, your career low point is indicated by a downward line extending out from your main Career Line. Check your palm now to see if you have more ups than downs.

To know when the high or low point will occur, identify the location of the branching line. As shown to you earlier on where you stand on your Career Line, you should have a rough idea on when the high or low point will be. See illustration on the right.



WHAT HAPPENED TO JOHN?

Checking John's palm, he has a downward line branching out from his main Career Line just before the intersection point with the Wisdom Line. That coincides with his retrenchment at the age of 34. Tracing his Career Line to later stages of his life, his career high point should arrive just after 35 years old. John found his current job close to a year after he was retrenched. Although his salary is lower than the previous one, he is given more opportunities to be trained in different competencies. John has also been promoted to a supervisory role. We wish John all the best and success in his career.

So is your career high point arriving soon?

MONTHLY FLYING STAR

6 June 2010 - 6 July 2010

Flying Star Feng Shui encompasses space and time dimensions. At different times, there will be different energy influences in different sectors. This segment presents to you the energy influences for this period of time (6 June 2010 to 6 July 2010). The effects will be more acute if you have your main door or windows in that particular sector or facing a particular direction. The following chart shares with you the implications and some recommendations. The larger number represents the annual star, while the smaller one symbolises the monthly star.

SOUTHEAST

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Most likely to cause legal disputes, conflict between couples and disharmony in partnerships and families. You may place a bowl of still salt water in this sector to resolve this "Crossing Sword Killing Sha".

South

B22 This configuration may lead to legal dispute or poor health for the mother. Place a lamp and ancient coins here to resolve the undesirable impact.

SOUTHWEST

This configuration spells misfortune or disaster. Health will be affected. Hang six-rod windchime here to alleviate inauspicious influences. Keep this sector still and quiet too.

East

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World Cup may be here but be sure to get enough sleep. This configuration may cause headaches. Place a metallic sculpture here to minimise the bad energies.

Northeast

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Sickness Star 2 may affect male members of the household. May cause digestive aliments. Place 6 ancient Chinese coins to dissolve negative influences. CENTER



Earth and Metal are in harmony. Keep the center clean & clutter free so that air can flow freely. Place a round blue rug in the center to enhance harmony and prosperity.

NORTH



Beware of mental stress or spinal injuries. Hang a red painting or sunrise painting to harmonise the situation. WEST

Sign of male offspring. Beware of eye aliments as Water and Fire are in conflict. Have a potted plant here to minimise the conflict and bring harmony to the family.

NORTHWEST



Prosperous Star 8 and 9 will bring you wealth and prosperity. Activate the positive energies in this sector by placing a water feature. Placing a clock or Hi-Fi here will also help to energise the Qi.

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