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HAPPY NEW YEAR

When the clock strikes midnight and the date changes from December 31st to January 1st, in English we cheer “Happy New Year!” In Japanese, the saying is あけましておめでとうございます, pronounced as “akemashite omedetou gozaimasu.” And while English greetings of Happy New Year are reserved mostly for the day itself, in Japanese, it can be said during New Year’s holidays (January 1st to 3rd) all the way through to the middle of January.

あけまして
おめでとう
ございます

ah-kay-mah-shee-tay
oh-may-deh-toh
goh-zah-ee-mah-soo