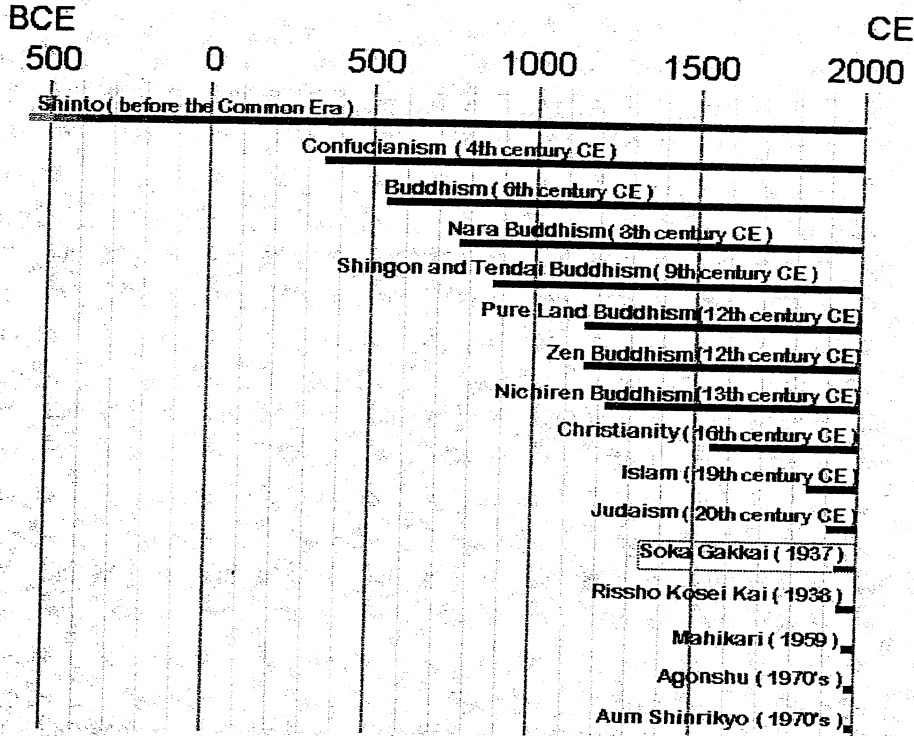


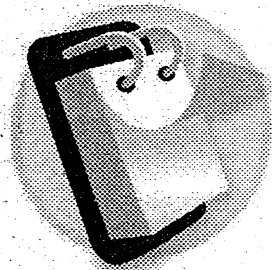
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## Celebration

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**This Month's Spotlight** Shubun  
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**Date** Sept. 23

**Description** The name of this Japanese national holiday translates as "Autumnal Equinox Day." Although the actual date of the fall equinox changes from year to year, the holiday is always observed Sept. 23. During the week, Japanese visit their family tombs to pay respect to ancestors, leaving flowers, incense and *ohagi* — sweet rice balls covered with soybean paste. Tradition holds that the ancestors' spirits prefer round food.

