

LUNAR NEW YEAR TEA



Graduate student **Patrick Chan** grabs a snack from the table.



Chairperson **Kevin Pilgrim** began the tea with brief remarks conveying support for the international community.

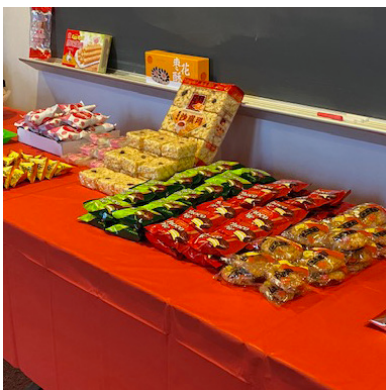
Lunar New Year, which began on January 22, is celebrated widely throughout East Asia and marks the beginning of spring and the start of a new lunar cycle. The Mathematics Department community celebrated Lunar New Year with a special tea on Friday, January 20.



Graduate Director and Professor **Matthias Weber** shared tea from across Asia.



The tea station was especially popular as Professor Weber prepared and poured tea by request. Graduate student **Nai-Heng Sheu** shared that the tea from New Zealand was her favorite while fellow student **Chaehee Kim** preferred the tea from Hawaii.



Special teas like this provide a space for faculty and students to come together in a friendly, supportive environment to build connections and have conversations.

Above, left: Graduate Secretary **Susan Palmiotto** prepared cookies, sweets and other snacks with help from staff members **Amanda Pilgrim** and **Ping Lin**.

Above, center: Zorn Postdoctoral students **Mayuresh Londhe** (left) and **Daniel Lopez Neumann**

Above, right (from left to right): Graduate students **Ramyak Bilas**, **Abhishek Adimurthi**, **Akash Jena**, and **Abhishek Gopal**

Left (from left to right): Graduate students **Christian Cofoid**, **Mark Ronnenberg**, and **Peter Marek**