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Auspicious day: A family and other Chinese folk depositing money during 'li chun' at a bank's cash deposit machine in Bandar Puteri Puchong, Selangor.

Superstitious or not, many are banking on 'li chun'

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GEORGE TOWN: Many Chinese, most of them clad in red, thronged banks around town on *li chun*, which signifies the beginning of spring.

The Chinese community in Malaysia and Singapore believes that depositing money

into their bank accounts on *li chun* will bring them good fortune and prosperity.

Although the banks were not open yesterday (being a Sunday), long queues were seen at the cash and cheque deposit machines.

Businessman Ong Yee Choung, 38, his wife Jolin Teoh, 32, and their two children were among those lining up at the Jalan

Tengah Maybank branch in Bayan Baru yesterday.

Teoh said this would be her third year depositing money on *li chun*.

"I just started my online business. By depositing money on *li chun*, I hope to have luck and good business in the Year of the Dog," she said.

Ong, who banked in some cash, said it

was his wife's idea.

"I am not superstitious but I am also not against it since it is also a good way to save money," he said.

Rebecca Chan, 52, was spotted at the Maybank branch in Komtar with her friends at 10.15am.

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