

十二支 the twelve zodiac signs (in Chinese astrology)

子、丑、寅、卯、辰、巳、午、未、申、酉、戌、亥

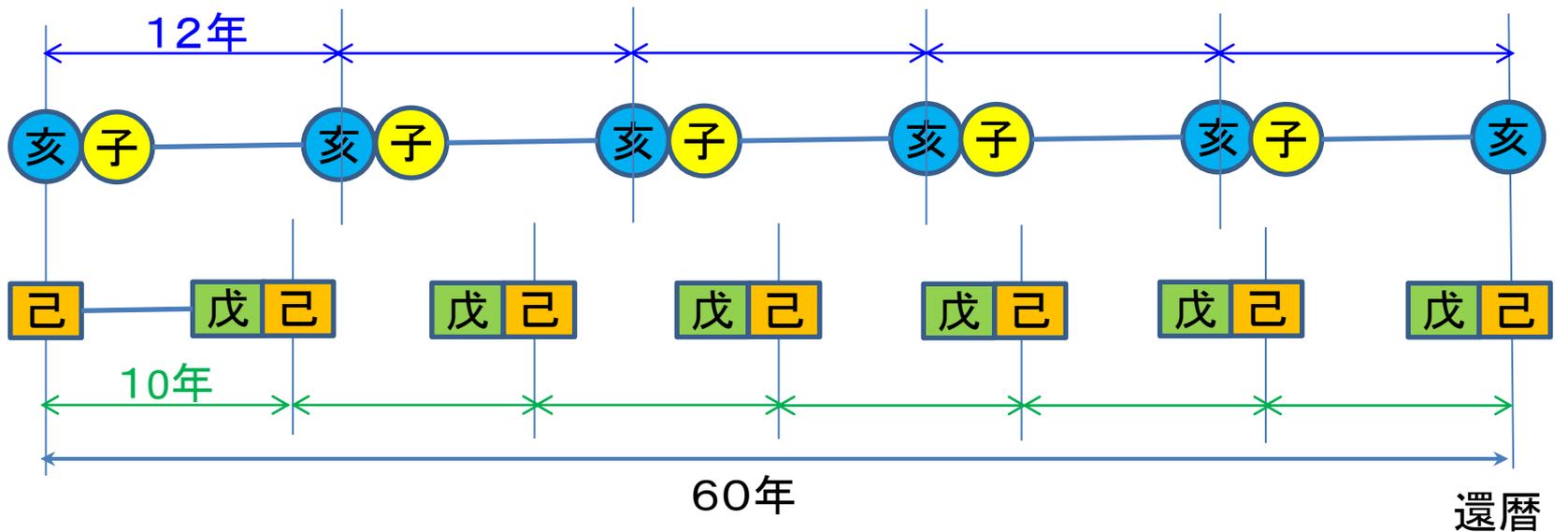
rat, bull, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, boar

十干 the 10 calendar signs

甲(木の兄=きのえ)、乙(木の弟=きのと)、丙(火の兄=ひのえ)、丁(火の弟=ひのと)

戊(土の兄=つちのえ)、己(土の弟=つちのと)、庚(金の兄=かのえ)、辛(金の弟=かのと)

壬(水の兄=みずのえ)、癸(水の弟=みずのと)



The least common multiple of 12 and 10 is 60

還暦 Kanreki

There is the custom of celebrating one's 60th birthday. One's families give her/him a red padded waistcoat.

“Kan” means “to return”.
“Reki” means “calender”.