

Auspicious Directions (*ehō*)

The diagram shows which directions are auspicious (*ehō*) based on the ten stems. The table shows which *yang* stem corresponds to which *yin* stem. Although *tsuchinoe* and *mizunoto* ought to lie in the direction of *tsuchinoe*, *tsuchinoe* (*tsuchi* = earth) is located in the same direction as *hinoe* perhaps because earth is in the center according to *gogyo* (*wu xing* or Chinese five phases of matter) theory. Using the years from 1989 to 1993 as examples, 1989 was *tsuchinoto-mi*, 1990 *kanoe-uma*, 1991 *kanoto hitsuji*, 1992 *mizunoe-saru*, and 1993 *mizunoto-tori*. The respective *ehō* for each year were *kinoe*, *kanoe*, *hinoe*, *mizunoe*, and again *hinoe*. That cycle repeated for the years 1994 to 1998.

yang stems	yin stems	directions
<i>kinoe</i> (甲)	<i>tsuchinoto</i> (己)	between <i>tora</i> (寅) and <i>u</i> (卯) [direction of <i>kinoe</i>]
<i>kanoe</i> (庚)	<i>kinoto</i> (乙)	between <i>saru</i> (申) and <i>tori</i> (酉) [direction of <i>kanoe</i>]
<i>hinoe</i> (丙)	<i>kanoto</i> (辛)	between <i>mi</i> (巳) and <i>uma</i> (午) [direction of <i>hinoe</i>]
<i>mizunoe</i> (壬)	<i>hinoto</i> (丁)	between <i>i</i> (亥) and <i>ne</i> (子) [direction of <i>mizunoe</i>]
<i>tsuchinoe</i> (戊)	<i>mizunoto</i> (癸)	between <i>mi</i> (巳) and <i>uma</i> (午) [direction of <i>hinoe</i>]

