

The Government of Japan announced REIWA as the name for the new era beginning on May 1

Japan has its own calendar linked to the reign of each Emperor. Today, a month ahead of the abdication of the Emperor of Japan on April 30, Japan - The Government of Japan announced REIWA as the name for the new era beginning on May 1.

REIWA consists of two words, namely, “REI”(beautiful) and “WA”(harmony) and means beautiful harmony. REIWA also contains a message “Culture will be nurtured as people bring their hearts together in a beautiful manner”

(Some media reported the meaning of REIWA as “Order and Harmony”, which is totally wrong.)

The name of new era “REIWA” is taken from a Japanese national literature for the first time in its history and comes from a passage of “Manyoshu”, the oldest collection of Japanese poetry which was published about 1,200 years ago.

More details about the name of the new era “REIWA”:
https://japan.kantei.go.jp/98_abe/statement/201904/_00001.html