Moon Festival promotes home and harvest

Yearly autumn festival celebrates family, fosters Sino-American values

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Americans stand finally on their television sets when Neil Armstrong took the first step on the moon. The moon is a symbol of purity and truth.

The Chinese were watching for something else, said Julie Minn, professor of language and literature, regarding the moon.

“Of course, one of the main objects of the moon is to watch the moon and its movements up around the sky,” Minn said.

At the Mid-Autumn Festival on September 21, 2005, people watched the moon. The event is one of the most important events on the Chinese calendar. The Mid-Autumn Festival, or Moon Festival, is the second-most important Chinese holiday. It is the time when Chinese cultures symbolize togetherness, the biggest moon of the year, which in Chinese is the biggest moon of the year. The celebration included moon cakes and other Asian cuisine, storytelling, music and Chinese chess. Senior Chris White said moon gazing is one of the most important elements of the Chinese holiday. The weather Sunday, however, limited visibility of the sky.

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