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99 Ranch Market Celebrates Mid-Autumn Moon Festival

THE Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Celebration is a great time to gather your family and friends. It is a time to gorge on moon cakes and toast during this festive atmosphere. 99 Ranch Market features gift sets at a great value that are also suitable for other occasions. In order to accommodate our customers' diverse needs, 99 Ranch Market carries the popular brand names of moon cakes from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and other regions. All moon cakes imported from abroad have to go through the United States FDA quality tests. Therefore you can have peace of mind when you buy from 99 Ranch Market, and happily enjoy these delicacies.

The origin of this holiday begins with a tale of one couple: Houyi and Chang'e. The earth once had ten suns circling over it, scorching the earth with heat and killing all vegetation. Houyi, a strong and powerful archer, saved the earth by shooting down nine of the suns. One day, Houyi acquired the elixir of life from a goddess so he and his beautiful wife could become immortals. Houyi returns home and they decide to drink the elixir together on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month when the moon is full and bright. A wicked and merciless man named Feng Meng secretly hears their plan and plans to murder the two so he can take the elixir. On that specific day, Feng Meng kills Houyi. The murderer then runs to Houyi's home and forces Chang'e to give him the elixir. Without any hesitation, Chang'e picks up the elixir and

drinks it all. The extra elixir causes her to float into the sky until she eventually lands on the moon. We celebrate this day for the couple's departure. More so, for loved ones who can not return home to watch the moonlight.

Because the full moon is round and symbolizes reunion, the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is also remembered as a festival of reunion. The Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is also the season for holiday gifts as family members will try to get together on this special day. 99 Ranch Market offers Cantonese-style moon cakes, Taiwanese-style moon cakes, and Suzhou-style moon cakes. Each style is carefully selected with a variety of fillings. In addition, 99 Ranch Market's bakery, Desir, has launched a special gift box integrating moon cakes and egg yolk cakes. The refreshing taste will make you want to come back for more. This year's moon cakes offer very diverse styles, innovative packaging, and exceptional taste. All manufacturers offered low prices exclusive to 99 Ranch Market, so make sure to pick up yours today!

99 Ranch Market provides you with the widest selection of gift ideas; perfect for visiting a friend, family reunion, or even for hosting a family BBQ event. Please visit your local 99 Ranch Market store, contact us at our customer service hotline 1-800-600-TAWA(8292), or online at www.99ranch.com for any questions or concerns.

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