2005 CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL

(Mid-Autumn Festival)

中秋節

Saturday, September 17, 2005
5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

U.S. National Arboretum
3501 New York Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

- Experience Chinese Harvest Feast Buffet
- Enjoy the classical Chinese string instrument performance
- Taste of gourmet Chinese tea, Learn about arts of serving Chinese tea
- Taste of Chinese moon cakes
- Exhibits – Chinese paintings, Chinese calligraphy, photographs
- Films on Classical Chinese Garden, "The Emperor's Moon Lady"
- Tram Tours of National Arboretum
- Learn about herbal plants at National Herb Garden and Chinese Herbal Medicine

[Ticket information]
Email to: tickets@uschinagarden.org or call: (571) 239-9958

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For the first time in history, The Chinese and U.S. governments have agreed to build a Classical Chinese Garden on the grounds of the U.S. National Arboretum.

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman and Under Secretary Joseph Jen recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Yang Jiechi, ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States, and Madam Jiang Zehui, President of the Chinese Academy of Forestry and leading member of the State Forestry Administration of China, for the construction of this classical Chinese garden.

The 12-acre Jiangnan-style garden will be based on an original design developed by a joint team of designers from China and the United States. Though the details are still being finalized, the garden will include 15 traditional Chinese buildings with Ming- and Ching-style hardwood furniture, calligraphy and painting scrolls on the walls, and a traditional boat house adjacent to a 1.3-acre lake.

This garden will bring a unique experience to the 500,000 to 700,000 annual visitors to the National Arboretum and will provide an in-depth exploration of the contributions the Chinese have made to the history and development of gardening and to world horticulture.

The Friends of Classical Chinese Garden at National Arboretum, individuals who are committed to supporting the garden, plan to host regular events at the National Arboretum to draw in the general public to enjoy the garden and to learn classical Chinese culture. Our mission is to bring the public to enjoy the serenity at the garden and to invite the public to join us in continually supporting the garden.

Our kick-off event, the 2005 Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2005 at the National Arboretum. There are plenty of cultural activities planned. We cordially invite you to come join us to support the Classical Chinese Garden at National Arboretum.

If you have inquiries about the Chinese Garden please contact: Dr. Thomas S. Elias, Director of USNA at 202-245-4539 or at his e-mail address: eliast@ars.usda.gov.

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