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Celebrate a Bountiful Autumn Harvest



These Kanji Chinese characters mean bountiful harvest.

With the arrival of autumn, the scent of fir trees wafts in the air and autumn flowers such as chrysanthemums are in full bloom,

heralding the arrival of the Shanghai crab season.

Autumn, as well as spring, is an important season for agricultural work. Farmers are busy with harvesting and plowing fields for autumn planting.

In 2018, the Chinese government designated an autumn equinox day (September 23 in this year) as 'Celebration day of China farmers 'bountiful harvest ''to thank and celebrate farmers for their hard work.

About 529 million people out of China's 1.4 billion are farmers. China has the second largest farmer population in the world.

Before the holiday was designated, autumn harvest festivals used to be held by

each region or ethnic group, but now they are celebrated across the country.

The main venue of the festival changes every year, and it is a good opportunity to introduce people to the wisdom of agricultural civilization.



Joyful holiday "Celebration day of China farmer's bountiful harvest"
~ Everybody welcomes autumn bountiful harvest ~

In Zhejiang farmers hold a sports festival. Participants play tug of war on the farm, rice harvesting races, and rice bag carrying relays. This event also features the keyword "digital empowerment" to introduce IT incorporation into agriculture and encourages farmers entrepreneurship in order to improve work efficiency, as well as its case study.

At a festival in Chongqing, participants enjoy catching 10,000 fish which were

released into the pond.

At a festival in Guanbxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on the border of China and Vietnam, participants enjoy traditional Zhuang performing arts such as songs and dances, local cuisine, and catching fish and birds.

Miao people in Guizhou celebrate their bountiful harvest by parading through the community in traditional costumes. They also draw the words “大丰收” which means bountiful harvest with corn, soybeans, or rice.

At a festival in Gansu, farmers celebrate a bountiful red pepper harvest by tossing peppers.

In Sichuan, farmers hold a pumpkin weight contest to enjoy a good harvest.

In Suzhou, crab farmers begin harvesting Shanghai crabs in the lake Yangchenghu.

Many kinds of harvest festivals are held across China in autumn.

Which festival do you want to join?



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