

### **Moon Phase Observation Box**

### I. Experiment item :

Item name					
$\equiv$ • Experiment accessory					
•	Instruction of installing flatwise				
1.	Moon raises and sets		5		
	1.	Demonstration of the moon rotation and revolution surround the earth			
	2.	Demonstration of the earth's rotation. Observation of the sun rise from east and			
		set in west.			
	3.	Operation of the earth's rotation. Observation of the moon rise from the east,			
		through the south and set in the west.			
	4.	With moment metrics, observation of lunar phase rise from east and set in west			
2.	The diversification of lunar during a period				
	1.	The period of lunar's diversification is about 29.5 days almost 30 days.			
	2.	The diversification of date and lunar phase.			
	3.	The moon rises from east and set in west because the earth's rotation is from west			
		form east. (If we overlook from north pole, it is counterclockwise rotation.)			
	4.	The change of the diversification lunar phase at the same day is obsecrated hard.			
		It is hardly changing visually.			
	5.	The changing period of the imaging in waxing and waning from the moon			
		because the moon orbits the earth.			
	6.	New moon, waxing crescent, first quarter moon, waxing gibbous moon, full			
		moon, waning gibbous moon, last quarter moon, waning crescent moon.			
3.	Rea	sons for the formation of moon phases	10		
	1.	The relative position is among the sun, earth, and moon.			
	2.	We see the same side of the moon permanently.			
	3.	The changed relative position from the sun, earth, and moon, we see the change			
		in the bright part of the moon from the earth.			
	4.	The moon is in half of bright and half of dark.			
•	Stand-up Assembly Instructions		12		
4.	Der	Demonstration rising moon moment			
	1.	We can observe the moon rises from east and sets in west.			
	2.	We can observe the azimuth of the moon.			
	3.	The time moment when the moon appears.			
	4.	The time when the moon rises from skyline, and it is about 50 minutes late every			
		day.			
	5.	When we observe at the same moment in the same month but different date, the			

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- moon is in different location.
- 6. Daily diversification of lunar phase.
- 7. We can the lunar phase for tonight.



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Experiment device chart											
No.	o. Experiment device		Qty.	No	Experiment device		Qty.				
1.	Lunar phase platform		1set	2.	Diversi	fication of lunar phase, date,	1set				
					and time display disc.						
3.	Earth and moment scale disc		1set	4.	Diversification of lunar phase		1set				
					imitated device(with belt)						
5.	elastic lunar phase ball with pulley 1piece 6.				lunar phase ball with pulley 11		1unit				
					(black/	(white)					
7.	LED represents the sun ligh	t	1set	8.	power supply 3VDC/1A		1unit				
9.	two points foot (with kno	b)	2set	10.	aluminum alloy case		1unit				
	1. Lunar phase	5.lunar phase ball(blue/red) 6. imitate lunar phase ball(black/white)									
7LED   8 power supply   9 two points foot											
7.LED 8.power supply						<i>5. two points tool</i>					



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#### **III. Experiment operation**

#### Flatwise assemble instruction, as image 3-1 below,

Assembling Instruction:

- a. We can ensure the location of sun, earth, and moon. There is a red sun sigh in the left on the lunar phase disc. When the lunar phase ball moves to the most right, it will be between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in lunar calendar. The white part is showing the reflection from the sun, so the white part is facing to the left.
- b. We set the bell on the pulley in the bottom of the earth(green) and the pulley in the bottom of the lunar phase.



**Image 3-1** When the lunar phase disc is flat, it presents that we overlook from north pole, and it shows the relation among of the sun, earth, and moon.

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#### • The moon is nonluminous.

When the dark is in the night, what illuminates us is the bright moon in the night sky. However, it is nonluminous so the yellow light that we see is because of the reflection from the sun. Only light objects with self-illumination are called light source as a light bulb that is electricity making the tungsten bright. Thereby, the moon is not a light source.

#### • Basic knowledge about moon.

Moon is earth's satellite and revolving around the earth. It is also following with the earth to revolve around the sun. The moon is nonluminous so the light when people in the earth see, it is on the surface of the moon from the reflection of the sun. When the relative of location among the sun, earth, and moon change in time, people in the earth will see changed lunar phase.

#### I. Moon rises and sets.

#### 1. Demonstrate the rotation of the moon and the revolution around the earth.

When we overlook from north pole, we understand the movement of the moon:

- a. The moon rotates counterclockwise with a rotation period of about 27.3 days.
- b. The moon orbits the Earth counterclockwise, and we call the track as lunar orbit. The period of the moon orbits around the earth is about 27.3 days (it is the same as the period of the rotation)

#### 2. Demonstrate the earth rotation and observe the sun rises in the east and sets in the west.

c. The earth rotates around the sun. When the moon orbits around the earth once (27.3 days), the earth also moves about 30 degrees in the track. Thereby, the moon must move 2.2 days, so we can see the same lunar phase again and the period of the lunar phase is 29.5 days.

## **3**. We can operate the earth rotation. We observe the moon rises from the east, passes through the southern sky, and sets in the west.

- d. We overlook from north pole. The earth is rotation counterclockwise. We can see the moon rise in the east and set in the west. because of the earth rotation counterclockwise.
- e. The moon orbit around the earth, so the moon will delay for 50 minutes every night.

#### $\diamond$ Complement :

The earth rotates 1 degree in every 4 minutes (1day = 1440 minutes, 1440min/360deg=4min/deg) The moon moves toward the east everyday (360 degree/29.5 day=12.2 degree) The earth needs to move 12.2 degree rotationally if the moon has the same position as one day before. Thereby, the moon rises and delays about 50 minutes every day. 4(min/deg)\*12.2(deg)=48.8(min)



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4. We use time indicator and observe the moment of the lunar phase raising in the east and setting in the west as image below.



We overlook the earth rotation to demonstrate that the full moon is raising at 18:00.



We overlook the earth rotation to demonstrate when the full moon passes midheaven at 00:00.



We overlook the earth to demonstrate that the full moon sets in the west at 06:00.



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