



SEA-ING THINGS: An underwater display for visitors at the Ocean Park in Suzhou attracted parents bringing their children along during the winter vacation to learn more about marine creatures. WANG JIANKANG / FOR CHINA DAILY



BEAUTIFUL BEAST: Men holding a dragon lantern walk through a field in Yuqing county, Guizhou province, on Feb 6 to celebrate the Spring Festival holiday. The Yuqing dragon lantern was included on the provincial intangible cultural heritage list in 2007. MU MINGFEI / XINHUA



KEEPING TRADITION: Women of the Miao ethnic group dress up for their Wanghui Festival in Danzhai county, Guizhou province. HUANG XIAOHAI / XINHUA



HOT DATE: Daredevil men carry a shrine through a bonfire during a traditional Chinese Lunar New Year celebration in Jieyang, Guangdong province, on Feb 2. The ritual is said to bring good luck. MA KA / XINHUA



HOPE IN THEIR ARTS: Students take part in a painting exam for would-be students at the China Academy of Art, the country's top art college, in Hangzhou, capital of East China's Zhejiang province. The four-day entrance test began in Hangzhou, Zhengzhou, Chengdu, Shenzhen and Shenyang on Feb 7. About 65,000 applicants took part, competing for 1,588 places. HUANG ZONGZHI / XINHUA