



**Romance in the air:** 30 couples took part in a special wedding ceremony by taking a flight in hot air balloons in Nanjing, East China's Jiangsu province, on Oct 28.  
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**Seats of learning:** Students stand beside donated school desks and chairs on Oct 29 in a village in Kuche county, Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region. The village, in the Tianshan Mountains, has 106 low-income households who were relocated in June as part of the national poverty alleviation program.

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**Water test:** Foreigners from 12 countries, together with Chinese competitors, attend the 6th National Agricultural Fitness Contest in Yichun, East China's Jiangxi province, on Oct 26. Contestants competed in several events, such as taking water from waterwheels.

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**Make waste profitable:** Students at a primary school in Liaocheng, East China's Shandong province, show handicrafts they have made from waste materials on World Thrift Day, Oct 31.

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**Dressed for festival:** Girls from the Miao ethnic group dress up to celebrate Chixin Festival in Paimo village of Yangwu township, Danzhai county, Southwest China's Guizhou province, on Oct 30. The festival is celebrated by many ethnic groups, including the Miao, Dong and Gelao, that are commonly found in Southwest China. Since harvests may vary across different regions in the country, the festival does not have a fixed date. HUANG XIAOHAI / XINHUA



**Beauty and brains:** Miss World final contestants participate in a Chinese traditional school class in Hongcun village, near Mount Huangshan, in East China's Anhui province, on Oct 29.  
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