

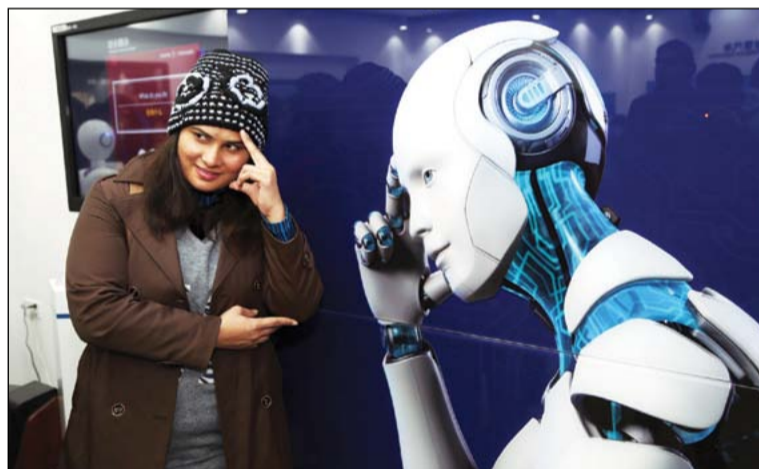


Top form: Pupils exercise between classes at a primary school in Jinan, the capital of East China's Shandong province, on Dec 13. Due to limited space, the school transformed a rooftop into a training ground.

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Yule fuel: In the run-up to Christmas on Dec 15, gas station assistants in Beijing, dressed in Santa Claus hats, serve a Kenyan customer. HU QINGMING / FOR CHINA DAILY



Picture this: A young woman from Pakistan at iFlytek Co, a leading artificial intelligence company in Hefei, East China's Anhui province. A 100-member Pakistan youth delegation visited the city on Dec 18 under an exchange program that included visits to China's high-tech industries and newly developed villages.

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Write stuff: Stefanie, a student from Brazil, tries her hand at calligraphy during an exhibition at a library in Qingdao, Shandong province. WANG HAIBIN / FOR CHINA DAILY



One for the road: A wine and spirits festival that began on Dec 18 in Yibin, Southwest China's Sichuan province, attracted drinks producers and distributors from 17 countries. ZENG LANG / FOR CHINA DAILY



Freezy rider: A man on a motorbike braves the cold in Dalian, in the northeastern Liaoning province, on Dec 16, during the city's first snowfall this winter. LIU DEBIN / FOR CHINA DAILY