



Spring tradition (left): Children look at eggs in Handan, in North China's Hebei province, on March 21 to mark Spring Equinox, or *Chunfen* in Chinese. The Chinese tradition of balancing eggs on the day of the vernal equinox is said to be 4,000 years old.

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White mountain: Yuntai Mountain is enveloped in white after snowfall at the scenic spot in Lianyungang, in the eastern Jiangsu province, on March 20.

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Panda fun: A panda plays outdoors at Beijing Zoo on March 19 as warming temperatures were forecast for the capital.

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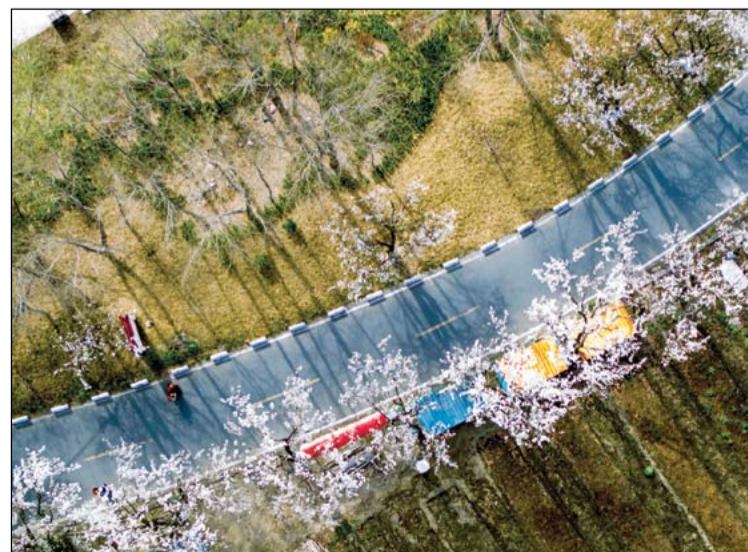
Dragon play: A man uses a diabolo, or Chinese yo-yo, attached to a dragon kite to celebrate the traditional Chinese Longtaitou Festival, or Dragon Head-Raising Festival, on March 18 in Yantai, East China's Shandong province.

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Field work: A farmer tends to watermelons in Xingren township of Danzhai county, Southwest China's Guizhou province, on March 20.

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Floral beauty: An aerial view of pear blossoms on March 20 in Jinjiang, a village in Jinchuan county, in the southwestern Sichuan province.

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