

# WELCOMING THE YEAR OF THE DOG

## New Year gathering - New York



Consul General of China in New York Zhang Qiyu (center), Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer (third from right), and Shirley Young (right), governor of the Committee of 100 and chair of the US-China Cultural Institute, gather at a celebration of the Chinese New Year at David Geffen Hall in New York City on Feb 16. JUDY ZHU / CHINA DAILY

## Putting on the dragon - New York



A traditional Chinese dragon dance and lion dance performed by the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company wow New Yorkers outside Lincoln Center on Tuesday, kicking off the New York Philharmonic's celebration of the Year of the Dog at its 7th annual Chinese New Year Concert and Gala. ZHANG RUINAN / CHINA DAILY

## Sky painting - New York



Spectacular fireworks light up the night sky on Feb 14 over the Hudson River in New York City as part of the celebration of the Chinese Lunar New Year. JUDY ZHU / CHINA DAILY

## Spring Festival - San Francisco



Local dignitaries and organizers gather in front of a 28-foot Golden Dragon at a press conference for the Spring Festival hosted by the Chinese Culture Center of San Francisco on Feb 21. The Spring Festival, an annual celebration of Chinese Lunar New Year, will be hosted on Feb 24 and feature music, dance, martial arts performances and a Year of the Dog exhibition. ZHIZHI CEN / CHINA DAILY

## Lunar largess - Houston



Consul General of China in Houston Li Qiangmin hands out red envelopes at the Lunar New Year celebration held by the Asia Society Texas Center on Feb 17. Hundreds of visitors enjoyed Chinese paper cutting, calligraphy, crafts and performances presented by the Huaxin Art Group. MAY ZHOU / CHINA DAILY

## Maryland marks New Year - Gaithersburg



Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and first lady Yumi Hogan (fifth from left) celebrate Chinese New Year at the opening of the 21st Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration held by the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center in Gaithersburg, Maryland, last Saturday. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

## Culture club - Chicago



Hong Lei (center of the second row), Chinese consul general in Chicago, poses for a group photo with guests and performers at the launching performance of the 2018 "Happy Chinese New Year" events in the Chicago Culture Center on Friday, February 16. As the first city that organizes city-wide Spring Festival celebrations in the official name of city government, Chicago has hosted the "Happy Chinese New Year" activities for four consecutive years. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

## Crypto bucks - Chicago



Feng Han, co-founder of Elastos, talks about his research at Tsinghua University which focused on quantum mechanics and blockchains, at FinTank's CryptoCon 2018, an all-day conference held in Chicago on Feb 15. Sponsored by FinTank, a leading financial technology incubator in Chicago, the conference was held at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law. PROVIDED TO CHINA DAILY

## Go for it - New York



Go players from the top nine North American university teams square off at the first annual New York Go Expo and Competition on Feb 18 at the China Institute in New York City. JUDY ZHU / CHINA DAILY

## Love and power - Houston



A scene from *Farewell My Concubine* features Concubine Yu (right), played by Wang Yitong, helping Lu Zhi, played by Guo Feng, to put on makeup, on Feb 17. The play, written by Nobel Prize winner Mo Yan, was presented by the Houston Whirlwind Club. The story explores attitudes toward love and power. MAY ZHOU / CHINA DAILY