

CAPTIVE WINTER SCENES OF JIUZHAIYOU AND HUANGLONG

2014 CHINESE CULTURE FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

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Jiuzhaigou Valley and Huanglong Valley are two natural wonders located deep in the vast and towering Min Shan Mountains in southwest China. Their striking beauty has led people to believe that these wonders were blessed by the Heavens.

Jiuzhaigou Valley is located in Jiuzhaigou County, Sichuan Province. Its alpine lakes, waterfalls and limestone terraces provide breathtaking views. The nearby Huanglong Valley is in Songpan County. Huanglong Valley features multi-colored ponds, tufa shoals, snow-capped peaks, valleys and forests, all integrated into its splendid image.

A well-known photographer in China, Mr. Wang Dajun started his photographic exploration of Western China scenery more than three decades ago. Since 1986, Wang Dajun has devoted most of his time to taking photos in Jiuzhaigou Valley and Huanglong Valley. Gorgeous spring, tranquil summer, magnificent autumn and miraculous winter have enchanted the photographer, and have drawn him to linger on these fairylands year after year. He visits these scenic areas numerous times every year. Many of his works have been published in albums.

The twenty photos on exhibition were captured in winter, which is his favorite season to shoot photos there. Covered with ice and snow, the ponds and peaks in Jiuzhaigou Valley and Huanglong Valley are crystal-clear and glistening, with harmonious tone, and stunning variations of lighting and shade. Wang's exquisite usage of lighting not only reveals the mystery and serenity of these wonders, but also reflects his appreciation of oriental aesthetics and the similarity between natural scenery and Chinese ink painting.

