《世界最大圣诞树 巴西造500吨圣诞树》

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Christmas has officially begun in Rio de Janeiro, as thousands of people turned out to see the world's tallest floating Christmas tree and a firework display over the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon yesterday.

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Crowds flocked to the waterfront to watch as the 542 ton and 85 metre high structure was lit up by a dazzling display of multicoloured fireworks.

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The annual event, which is now in its nineteenth year, draws tourists from across the globe and is the third largest occasion in the city's calendar.

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Each year there is a new theme, represented by the tree's lights, and "A Christmas Light" was chosen for 2014 - celebrating the importance of light in people's lives, symbolised by the sun, moon and stars.

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The tree itself contains 3.1 million micro bulbs, 2,150 strobe effects and 100 LED reflectors, which enable the record-beating tree to change colour and display different designs.

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This year Guinness World Records has officially certified that the tree is the largest of its kind in the world.

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The Christmas tree will continue to float in the lagoon until 6 January 2015, the traditional end of the holiday period.

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Fireworks illuminate the tree

Fireworks illuminate the tree at Rodrigo de Freitas lagoon in Rio de Janeiro.

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White fireworks burst over the world's highest floating Christmas tree.

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