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Cities rapidly modernized in the 20th century and today display dynamic, contrasting old and new elements. Traditional streets and neighborhoods now coexist with westernized corporate logos, multinational businesses, and skyscrapers. In the 28th volume of JPER, we will highlight this juxtaposition of old and new, with photographs from around the world. Here, an old village area is set for redevelopment in Shanghai, China’s largest metropolis. In the distance, new office towers have mushroomed in one of the city’s most drastic modernization efforts. The Pudong New Area, which was farmland and countryside until 1990, is now home to Shanghai’s new central business district and several high-tech development zones.
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The concept of a marketplace today runs the gamut, from global stock markets to local produce vendors. But all markets facilitate the exchange of goods, services, and information—and help create thriving neighborhoods and communities, towns and cities. In the 29th volume of JPER, we will show images of various markets around the world. In Kuching, the capital of the state of Sarawak on Borneo Island, countless small shops crowd the city’s central market. In this typical scene, vendors ply the gamut of dry goods, while leisurely chatting in the humid tropical heat.
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"Cusco Street at Night,"
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