

Students undertake test for survival

Zhou Wenfang

SIXTEEN medical college students from neighboring Zhejiang Province yesterday began a 10-day tough test for survival in Shanghai.

Starting off with just 50 yuan (US\$6) and a map each, their aim is to eke out a living in a strange city until July 22.

The students from the Wenzhou Medical College, aged 18 to 20 and including six females, were divided into four groups to find temporary jobs in Shanghai.

During their likely struggles, they also have to pay 10-yuan rent per person each day for living at the Shanghai Normal University dormitory.

Because of China's one-child policy, most children in urban families are pampered and rarely face much difficulty in life.

"The 10-day struggling life in Shanghai will help the students learn to cooperate with each other, deal effectively with people, and most importantly, to exercise their will when facing difficulties," explained Chen Zhongnong, a former student of the Wenzhou college and one of the organizers of the trip.

Setting out from their temporary residence at 9am yesterday, the students got a bitter taste of unsheltered life during the course of their job search.

Zhu Tianrong, a freshman participant, said that the job-hunting was hard, especially at strange places they've never been before.

"Our group was refused almost 30 times by either restaurants or companies before we finally landed a job at the Tian Lin rest home for the aged," Zhu said.

By yesterday, almost all the students had found their temporary "vocation," including at a maternity and infant health institution and restaurants.



A group of Canadian teachers visits Yu Yuan Garden yesterday, which is part of their China trip to learn more about Asia's involvement in World War II. They also talked with historians and a former sex slave. — Zhang Suoqing

Canada teachers learn about the WWII horrors

Veeva Yang and Christine Cai

A GROUP of 23 teachers from British Columbia and Ontario in Canada talked with historians and a former sex slave yesterday, in a trip to learn more about Asia's involvement in World War II.

They arrived in Shanghai on Tuesday and will leave for Hangzhou and Yiwu in Zhejiang Province today. The group will also visit Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, and Beijing.

During the two-week trip, they will meet sex slaves, plaintiffs for the lawsuit on Japanese biological warfare Unit 731, the Nanjing Massacre Museum and Marco Polo Bridge.

According to Thekla Lit, president of the Association for Learning & Preserving the History of WWII in Asia, the trip organizer, the trip will give Canadian teachers a chance to take a close look at this chapter of history and tell their students what they have learned.

"Canadian teachers are familiar with the European history of WWII, but few people know about the war in Asia," she said. "This trip can make up their missing knowledge."

Canadian teachers met one of two local living sex slaves yesterday.

The woman is 88 years old and still lives with the anguish of being a former sex slave. She refused interview requests from the local media.

According to Su Zhiliang, a professor from Shanghai Normal University and an expert on sex slave research, there are 35 former "comfort women" in China, including two — both Korean — in Shanghai.

"About 200,000 Chinese women were forced to be comfort women nationwide when the country fell victim to the Japanese invasion in the 1930s and 40s," Su said. "I have identified 149 comfort houses in the city during World War II."

Judy Brune, a high school teacher, appreciated the experience. "Though I have read books on sex slaves, it was not until we met this woman and listened to her stories that I was really moved," Brune said. "I felt her sorrow by seeing her eyes. Western people have many misunderstandings toward China. I will tell my students about my experiences in China and give them presentations to refresh their views."

City short of key professionals

Rachel Yan

SHANGHAI is in urgent need of high-level creative and management professionals for its pillar industries, who will match and support the city's reforming industry structure, according to the local government's latest professional development list.

The annual list, jointly released by the Shanghai Personnel Bureau and five other government departments yesterday, revealed 116 categories of professionals that the city will need

in the next three to five years.

All positions are in the six key industries that the city is keen to develop — arts and culture, finance, bio-tech and medicine, material sciences, electronics and information, and harbor and shipping.

It is the first time that the city has unveiled a professional development list according to individual industries, officials said.

"The list is expected to serve as a guideline for both local job hunters, to plan their careers, and for universities, to set and restructure their ma-

jors," Ding Xuexiang, the bureau director, said.

Overseas professionals or those coming from other parts of the country who are among the demand list will enjoy priority in gaining a local residence card or permanent residence permission. Listed professionals will also be entitled to special government subsidy or allowance to support their career development.

For instance, the city is working to build itself into one of the world's largest international shipping centers by 2020. But the local shipping sector employed just 150,000 people last

year, accounting for only 1.8 percent of the city's working population.

More than 80 percent of local shipping professionals are simple manual workers above 35 years of age, and without any college education background or expertise, said Xu Peixing, director of the Shanghai Port Administration.

The administration will therefore focus on training and gathering professionals in port management, international cargo agents, and experts on international shipping trade and maritime laws, he explained.

Nearly 300,000 shipping professionals will be needed in the city by 2010 and the demand will rise to 358,000 by 2020. Most of them will need to have a college degree or above and at least three years related experience, Xu said.

Besides, other urgently needed professionals include Internet news Website managers, financial risk management experts, bio-tech medicine researchers and chief information officers.

The full list will be posted on the bureau's Website (www.21cnhr.gov.cn) today.

Crocodile goes French

A CITY court has ruled in favor of a French garment company in its lengthy dispute with a Singaporean rival over the use of a crocodile logo as a trademark.

In response to an appeal filed by the French retailer Lacoste over an earlier verdict by the Shanghai No. 2 Intermediate People's Court, the Shanghai Higher People's Court decided on Tuesday to repeal the previous ruling in favor of the Singapore-based Crocodile International Pte Ltd and overruled CI's accusation that the French

company was illegally using the crocodile logo.

As two widely accepted brands, the Singapore firm's crocodile logo faces left while Lacoste's faces right. The two companies have been involved in similar disputes over the logo in many Asian countries since 1960.

The Singapore company and Tan Hian Tsin, creator of the Singapore crocodile logo, filed a case with the Shanghai No. 2 intermediate court in 2002, asking for compensation of US\$1 together with a public apology

from Lacoste for trade infringement.

In March 2003, the lower Shanghai court ruled in favor of the CI, supporting the two plaintiffs' claims. However, the French firm appealed to the Shanghai Higher People's Court. Tuesday's verdict, which is final and binding, stated that disputes should be settled under special arrangements in the framework of trademark law instead of being put through a civil litigation process.

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Job center helps more locals get employed

Yan Zhen

MORE than 545,000 locals turned to the government job agency for employment opportunities in the first half of this year, the Shanghai Job Placement Center said yesterday.

The number is 10.9 percent more than the same period last year.

While most of the new applicants were jobless or middle-aged laid-off workers, with low education background, those with a university degree or above accounted for only 15 percent, it said.

"The growing number of applicants was a result of the center's push for easy accessibility this year, which allowed more ordinary people to apply for jobs online," said Huang He, a center official.

Previously, only university graduates and high-level professionals who were given an account and a password were entitled to look for jobs at its Website (www.12333.gov.cn).

Meanwhile, job vacancies put up at the Website also jumped 12.5 percent, to 545,000 this year.

Most of the demand was in the five major industries — finance and insurance, medical and health care, retail, transport and logistics — as well as the manufacturing sector, officials said.

For instance, local pharmaceutical and medical equipment companies saw vacancies for 36,300 senior managers, research and development professionals and veteran salesmen — up nearly 20 percent from last year.

Though hot in previous years, junior-level accountants, computer operators, secretaries and administrative clerks are in oversupply now, officials said.

The center said about six people vied for an accountant's position, while a secretary's job saw about five applicants.



A wooden replica of an ancient Chinese boat is set up at the intersection of Xizang Road M. and Fuzhou Road to commemorate the 600th anniversary of the western voyages of one of the world's greatest mariners Zheng He. — Yang Jianzheng

Smoke fuels panic

Yang Lifei

HEAVY smoke emanating from the back of a double-decker bus caused chaos among its 70 passengers yesterday morning, several of whom received minor injuries while trying to escape.

According to witnesses, the wounded passengers were mostly women and old people, who fell down or were trampled upon by the panicky crowd.

"Luckily, their injuries were not serious and they were able

to go to the hospital themselves," said one passenger Wang Yi.

He added the injured included an old woman about 70 years old and a young mother holding an infant baby. Doctors at Changning District Central Hospital were not available for comment.

The incident occurred at 9:35am yesterday when a Zhongwei Line bus traveling from Zhongshan Park to Wuzhong Road was about to depart the Wuhaoqiao stop.

"Suddenly black smoke was

seen rising from the back and we got into a great panic as the bus conductor cried, 'the bus is going to explode'," a passenger said.

Bedlam broke out as dozens of frightened passengers tried to scramble out of the bus through the two narrow exits.

Officials of Zhongwei Line — buses on this route do not have a number, — said the smoke might have been a result of a mechanic fault in the bus, which had been for repairs at a bus station about five-minute ride from the scene.

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First Super Prize – 8 days trip to Egypt
From now on, purchase of three "The Mummy Returns" theme paradise tickets at the same time (including "family ticket") will give you a chance to win the 8 days trip to Egypt 5 prizes (worth RMB5000). Luxor Temple, King Valley, Great Pyramids of Khufu, Sphinx and Sahara Desert... The mysterious Egypt will be right in front of your eyes! (The trip is provided by Qatar Airways and Shanghai China International Travel Service Ltd. List of lucky persons will be announced in the theme park advertisement in "Oriental Morning Post" on 30th of August.)

Second Super Prize – Summer Special for Families
From now on, there will be a summer special promotion on Sat & Sun, the discounted price will be: Parental Ticket (1 Adult + 1 Child): RMB 100, 4 tokens are given Family Ticket (2 adult + 1 Child): RMB 160, 4 tokens are given Note: Standard Height for Kids is below 1.4 meters

Third Super Prize – Understanding Egypt
"The Mummy Returns Theme Paradise" has prepared children a "Knowing Egypt Area", which allows kids to understand Egypt and broaden their knowledge through games.

Period: Until August 28
Venue: Zhongshan Park
Ticket Hotline: 5239 7882 5239 5560

Time: 10:00-22:00 (Sat/Sun)	Ticket: 80 yuan
13:30-22:00 (Mon to Thu)	Ticket: 60 yuan
13:30-22:00 (Fri)	Ticket: 80 yuan

There will be live performance by popular bands on every Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30pm. Audience can sing along with bands. Egyptian dance every Saturday and Sunday