

A successful marriage depends on maturity and the joint commitment of two people.

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Ni Ni said she has few requirements for a spouse apart from what she called "eye affinity."

Alex Yang from Suzhou in neighboring Jiangsu Province, said he came to the matchmaking market just as a kick.

"I came with my girlfriend out of curiosity," he said. "This place is quite similar to a big vegetable market, but it is a lot of fun."

A security guard told Shanghai Daily that some parents arrive at the market as early as 6am to get prime spots to set up their placards.

"Most stay until nightfall," he said. "Unlike the past, people of all ages come here nowadays. Many faces are familiar."

Security guards are on constant patrol to maintain order and remind people not to take photos of prospective matches without permission.

An Irish tourist named Niamh said she stumbled into the area after disembarking from the Metro. Intrigued by what she saw, she took photos of the placards.

"I just can't believe it," she told Shanghai Daily. "I have never seen anything like this before. It appears that people can find prospective spouses here."

A Shanghai resident surnamed You, who lives near the park and is a frequent visitor,



said she has observed changes in the "matchmaking corner."

"Placards for people born between 1986 and 1993 now dominate the bazaar, instead of notice boards for those born in the 1970s and 80s," she said. "And the percentage of post-1995 marriage-seekers is growing, with even a few posted for those born since 2000."

She also noted a shift in marriage requirements, with homeownership no longer so prominent.

A Haagen-Dazs outlet at the exit of the park is stuffed with "negotiating" parents and young people talking to candidates of interest, but You said she didn't seem much success happening there.

Ding Xiaochun, a psychology consultant passes through the park numerous times because of the proximity of his 985本科、人厂财务、有房有车 希望男生积极上进、不暴力及冷暴力 肝歧视、不喜金融男、投行男 偏爱会过日子会员男、如88VIP、由姆 会员、国航金卡会员、多邻国会员等 喜欢精致生活的人大感,最好像自客、 许光汉、雷任高级强高丰富

A criteria list reads the demand of a woman, who is expecting a man not working in the financial industry but appreciating the fun of having bargains. — Ti Gong

workplace on Jiujiang Road. He said he sometimes gets stopped by people asking for his advice.

"I tell them that a successful marriage depends on maturity and the joint commitment of two people," he said.



Boards read like resumes, with the one in the center introducing a woman of gentle personality, love of art and good family background. — Hu Min