Students undertake test for survival

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

Wearing off with just 9 yuan (US$1) and a map each, their aim was to see how long they could stay in the city until July 24.

They are students from the Wuhaoqiao branch of the Shanghai Normal University.

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

“The 10-struggling survival in Shanghai will help the students learn to cooperate with each other, deal efficiently with people, and most importantly, to experience the stress when facing difficulties,” explained Chen Zhong, a former student of the Wuhaoqiao and one of the organizers of the trip.

Setting out from their temporary residence at 9am yesterday, the students got a bitter taste of urban life. The crowded campus was hard to comprehend, the course of their job search ‘ZheZheZhe’, a modern participant, said that the job-hunting was hard, especially at supermarkets.

“Our group was refused at all the major supermarkets and companies before us, so we had to find another hospital,” said Zou Ying, a student of the Wuhaoqiao.

Bedlam broke out as dozens of old women, mostly women and old people, wounded passengers were seen rising from the back and front of the crowded bus.

“Suddenly black smoke was...