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It is hard to find a job as an online English tutor even I have gained a band score of 6.5 in an IELTS test. It is not a low socre; it’s a high one, either. For the past days, I’ve been busy applying for a job in English teaching field. After three rounds, I entered into the final test of an interview. Unfortunately, I was declined without any feedback, which is usual in China where applicants normally can’t know why they don’t qualify for a vacancy. There are too many applicants when there are over 10 million new graduates entering the job market every year in this country.

Ironically, the authority constantly encourage couples to have more children, which is quite a U-turn after the one-child policy had been introduced in the early 1980s. Whereas, many married adults are reluctant to have more than one child in most cities. Furthermore, more and more young couples wouldn’t like to have the second child in rural China where there were a trend that having two children or more.

Economic developemnt eventually results in low fertile rate since the cost of rasing a child has been increasing dramatically along with the ridiculously high price of housing. Most families take a big mortgage of their flats so that they can’t afford having more children. In addition, tuition fees for extra-curriculumn courses are a large proportion of the expenditure of every household. If a couple is not able to take care of a child, why do they have one? Recently, the central government pass a law to subsidise a minute amount of 3,600 RMB for the second and the third child each year. How much a family typically pay for raising a child until he or she grow up? It is approximately 2 millim RMB. Apparently, this money is too small to boost the fertile rate in a country where the unemployment is high and it is becoming harder and harder to earn money when the economy is in long-term deep recession.