

Chinese Language at Work

Many high-level managers recruited from abroad don't need Chinese in the workplace and often can't find the time to pick up the local language in the off-hours. Outside of these executive positions, however, proficient Putonghua (standard Mandarin) is extremely useful and can mean a better job at a better pay. Many companies only interview bilingual candidates and certain jobs require Chinese. However, don't let language skills be a deterrent from moving-non-Chinese speakers can still find good jobs if they have relevant experience and a willingness to work in a multicultural environment. Just start studying once you get to Shanghai.



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