Don plays Cupid by throwing parties

Young people get a chance to meet and pick up dating tips at his home

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Dr Tan Long, an assistant professor of computer science at the National University of Singapore, believed that young people were just not playing the social networking game well enough. "I think they should be a bit more active in their social lives," he said.

The Straits Times interviewed a few of the men and women who had attended the parties and found they had generally enjoyed themselves. "It was a great opportunity to meet new people and have a good time," said one participant.

The parties were held every Friday night at a small apartment in the city. Each party had a different theme, ranging from a "backyard barbeque" to a "fancy dinner". The guests were asked to bring a bottle of wine or champagne to share.

Mr Long also encouraged his students to attend these parties, saying, "It's a great way to meet people and socialize."