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summary

Christmas is known as a "Couple Holiday" in Korea. This year, over 3,000 young singles took matters into their own hands and went to Solo Daechup, or Solo Battle, an event held on Christmas Eve day in Yeouido Park. The rules were simple - **gather by gender** before 3pm with the women wearing red and the men, white. Then, after a signal, they were to run towards each other and hopefully, choose a date to take on a walk around the park.

While **the idea was innovative** and fun, many men **walked away without a date** as they far **outnumbered** the women. Similar events took place in other cities in Korea but men in those cities also had the same problem of **gender disparity**. Also, because a **whopping** 30,000 people originally **signed up for** the Seoul event, over 1,000 **police were placed** there on duty, perhaps diminishing any possible romantic feelings. One participant said he felt like he was **reliving his military service days**. However, the creators say they plan to **organize** the event again next year, with the hope of eventually going international.

Key Words

1. 솔로대첩 battle of the singles
2. 호기심에 참가하다 attend the event out of curiosity; people simply wanted to find out what it is
3. 구경꾼들이 실제 참가자보다 더 많다 the number of spectators was larger than the number of actual participants; on-lookers outnumbered the actual participants
4. 남자가 여자보다 더 많다 men outnumbered women; there were more men than women; the number of men exceeded the number of women
5. 성비가 안 맞는다 there was a gender disparity; there was a gap in the number of men and women
6. 성추행 우려가 있었다 there was a concern about sexual harassment
7. 여성에게 치근거리다 be flirty; be clingy
8. 비교적 질서정연하게 끝났다 the crowd managed to maintain order; the crowd was pretty well-behaved; the crowd was orderly; the crowd was in control
9. 경찰추산 3500명이 참석했다 the police estimated that 3,500 people attended; the police guessed ~ ; the police thought ~
10. 기대는 컸지만 별 것 없었다 expectations were high, but the reality was disappointing; there were high hopes but the reality was bitter; their dreams were crushed; their dreams were dashed; their expectations fell flat

More Key Words

1. 남녀별로 모이다 gather by gender
2. 아이디어는 신선했다 the idea was innovative
3. 데이트 상대를 찾지 못한 채 발걸음을 돌려야 했다 men had to walk away without a date
4. 이벤트에 참가신청을 하다 sign up for the event
5. 1000명의 경찰을 배치하다 1,000 policemen were placed
6. 다시 군대로 돌아간 느낌이다 feels like I was reliving my military service days
7. 이벤트를 주최하다 organize the event