

## Teachers must keep alert to protect children from bullying

The bullying of children continues **unabated**. Places of education must seriously accept this situation and make efforts to **eradicate** bullying.

unabated 不衰退的

eradicate 根除; 消灭

In the 2018 academic year, about 540, 000 cases of bullying were confirmed at schools around the nation. This was an increase of about 30 percent from the previous school year and the highest figure ever.

However, getting an accurate grasp of the situation is nothing more than a starting point for developing **countermeasures**.

countermeasures 对策

The approach of teachers holds the key to handling this issue. A homeroom teacher must share information about bullying problems with other teachers and try to resolve the issue, rather than bottling it up.

A scandal that **jolted** public trust in teachers has occurred at a **municipal** elementary school in Kobe. Four teachers, aged in their 30s and 40s, allegedly repeatedly tormented a fellow teacher in his 20s.

jolt 颠簸; 使震惊

municipal 市政的

The teachers **pinned** the victim's arms back and force-fed him extremely spicy **curry**. He also was **whacked** on the bottom with the inner tube of a roll of copy paper until the area became swollen. These and numerous other stupid actions that lack even a **shred** of sense are astonishing beyond words.

pin 压住; 钉住

curry 咖喱

whack 重击; 猛打

shred 少量; 碎片

According to Kobe's board of education, the previous principal received information about the harassment, but made no effort to *delve* into the details. The current *principal*, after being notified by the victim, only gave the bullying teachers a verbal *reprimand*.

delve 钻研; 挖

principal 校长; 资本

reprimand 谴责; 训斥

This is exactly the same as teachers overlooking children being bullied in the classroom. Steps to prevent the bullying of children will hinge on whether a principal can exercise leadership and whether a school can be united as one in trying to resolve the problem.