South Korea is losing faith in an elitist(精英主义的) education system

“IF YOU don’t have the ability then blame your parents,” wrote Jung Yoo-ra on social media in 2014, after being accepted into a prestigious(有名望的) university. Her mother, it turns out(原来,结果是), had gone to great lengths(竭尽全力) to secure(争取到) a spot(职位,职务) for her, inducing Ehwa Women’s University to alter its admissions policy(招生政策) in a manner(方式) tailor-made(定制的) for Ms Jung.

网友评论：

franklyroslynJul

I had imagined that these problems existed everywhere. The interesting thing is that Koreans plan to do something about it.

ashbirdin

Allow me to chime in(插话) to say many Asian parents, in particular in Singapore, South Korea, Japan and HK, have overdone what is their due DUTY to make sure their children get the best education they can with what their money can buy.

I say "overdone" because even steel(钢铁) can be stretched(伸展) to the point of metal fatigue(疲劳). And it can break. The parents stretch their own "steel", so to speak(可以这么说), and expect their children to do the same.

American Bearin

Having been a teacher in S. Korea for well over a decade, I have come to the conclusion(结论) that in Korea more is good, a lot is great, and too much is best. This attitude seems to pervade(弥漫,充满) most Asian countries, at least in the upper-income classes. It's awful(可怕的). I have seen almost 40 kids be 'broken' by their parents' incessant(无休止的) pushing, and then they just give up. It's not going to change.

faith 信心；信仰

elitist 精英主义的

prestigious 有名望的

go to great lengths 竭尽全力

secure 争取到

induce 引诱；劝说

alter 改变

admission policy 招生政策

tailor-made 量身定做的

chime in 插话

metal fatigue 金属疲劳

pervade 弥漫；充满

incessant 无休止的；持续不断的