

Letter of Japanese School of Guam July Issue Mizuki Ide Principal 6/30/2023

Teaching and Nurturing NO.2

I myself underestimated the power of Typhoon No. 2 and am keenly aware of my poor crisis management. On the other hand, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all parents for their support and cooperation toward the reopening of school.

Now, I read an article in a Japanese newspaper that said, "Children who have more

experiences of being praised by their parents and severely scolded by their parents are less likely to be discouraged when faced with difficult situations in the future. The survey was conducted in October 2017, with responses from 5,000 men and women in their 20s to 60s across Japan. I believe that "praise well and scold firmly" is the very basis of child-rearing. However, what precedes this is contact with the child, communication, observation, information gathering, etc. Knowing the child correctly and

observation, information gathering, etc. Knowing the child correctly and responding appropriately are essential for child rearing. I believe that parents and we, the faculty and staff, should share information about each child and face the same direction in raising our children.

In addition, a few years ago, the Japanese Diet passed amendments to the Child Abuse



Prevention Law and the Child Welfare Law, among others. According to the law, parents "shall not use corporal punishment in disciplining children (under 18 years of age). Recently, many incidents of parental abuse of children under the guise of discipline have been reported in the media, and it is evident that the current state of child rearing is not going as smoothly as one would like, due to changes in the circumstances and awareness of those

who provide guidance and those who are being guided. It may be a change of the times, but it is heartbreaking to think that we finally have to regulate parenting by law.

However, when I hear the following story, it makes me rethink how parents should educate

their children. "One first-grade boy received a monthly allowance of 100 yen. However, he was eyeing a Pokemon card that cost 150 yen. The 100 yen was far from enough. So he asked his father, 'How can I earn money?' The father replied, 'I will give you some business tips. The fee for the course is 100 yen.' The boy decided to run a café and bought 200 kilograms of coffee beans with his New Year's gift and loans. He estimates the profit, decides on the price of a cup, and so on." Not everyone goes about it the same way, but it makes my



face relax as I understand. After all, parenting requires ingenuity. I think it is important to let children think, not just get angry or give orders.

Continued on reverse side >



One last word: From June 9 to July 14, we will be offering a trial enrollment program. We would like to see a great increase in the number of people who say they are interested in Japanese education and are considering a career path along these lines, and we would like to encourage such people to actively participate. We believe that even a trial enrollment will enable students to fully experience the wonder of a <u>Japanese-style education</u> that nurtures the body, mind, and spirit in an integrated manner. First of all, it is important to let people know about the full-time Japanese school and its educational content, so we would be very grateful if you, parents and guardians, would take the opportunity to spread the word about the full-time Japanese school.