

Three Blogs in English from Recent Topics

#2 Cheating using the smartphone occurred again

The news said that the Common Test for University Admissions conducted last month had been leaked to the outside. Apparently one of examinees leaked an image taken with a smartphone hidden in her sleeve to the outside in order to obtain the correct answer from private tutors who did not know the circumstances. Similar incidents also happened in 2004. This might mean the epigram "disasters come when you forget."

I think that the management at the time of entering the room is generally quite loose for examinations in Japan. For international qualification tests such as TOEIC, surveillance cameras are installed at the test site, and the movement of test takers during the examination are constantly monitored. In the U.S. Certified Public Accountant Examination, in addition to taking photos before entering the room and registering with their fingerprints, physical examinations are also performed with metal detectors when people enter the room.

The difference in strictness may be that Japan is taking measures based on the belief that human nature is fundamentally good. However, it should be careful how strict the control will be. Attempting to strengthen management is costly and of course, someone must bear the cost. Besides, no matter how strict the monitoring at the time of entering the room or during the test, I think that the fraud will not be completely eliminated by using the current operation method. As far as humans check, it's not easy to detect a person disguised with a different photo.

What measures should be taken is a difficult problem. I think it's enough to describe what kind of social sanctions would have been received in the application guidelines. I hope that there will be no significant disadvantage to the examinees as a result of these excessive measures.

By the way, in the Indian movie "3 Idiots" broadcasted on New Year's Day this year, the impersonation of the son of a millionaire will appear, however there is no dreary. This is quite hilarious and also my favorite.

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