Agree or disagree: The death penalty should be banned in Japan.

I agree that the death penalty should be banned in Japan. Allow me to explain.

First, there have been and always will be cases of executions of innocent people. No matter how accurate the judicial system can be, there will always be human errors and may sentence the wrong person. There's no way of knowing if they actually did or not. Is it worth the risk? Crime will always be a part of the world and there will be better ways to handle it. The death penalty is irreversible and irreparable.

Second, the death penalty does not deter crime effectively. There is no conclusive evidence of the value of the death penalty, meaning that people do not commit lesser crimes knowing that there is a death penalty. In my opinion, keeping the inmates in jail for the rest of their life is enough punishment.

Lastly, usually murders don't fear death so this type of punishment is not a deterrent. Not only that but the injection method is one of the most painful ways to do it, it just collapses your lungs before anybody has a chance to yell in pain. Plus the injection chemicals are becoming more and more rare, thus making it more expensive with each injection. In fact it is cheaper to keep an inmate in prison for life without parole than it is to kill them. It doesn't make sense to spend more money on a morally questionable act that has shown no signs of determent.

The death penalty is disappearing in other countries. Today, 106 countries have turned their backs on the death penalty for good. It's time for Japan to ban the death penalty as well.

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