

I S S U E

A 26-year-old man withdrew his appeal on Tuesday against the death penalty imposed on him for **slaughtering** two of his relatives and of **purloining** money from them, the Kyoto District Court said.

Kyozo Matsumura's **death sentence** immediately became final as the **defendant** himself, not his lawyer, had filed the appeal, court officials said.



Kyozo Matsumura
accepts death penalty
for killing 2 relatives.

V o c a b u l a r y



Death Sentence



Slaughtering



Purloining money



defendant

Let's Talk

1. Are you in favor of death penalty? Why or why not?
2. What is the highest form of punishment in your country?
3. Is death penalty the solution to minimize the incidence of crimes worldwide?

ACTIVITY: Give what you think is an appropriate punishment for the following crimes.

A: Drunk Driver killed 2 kids in a car accident.

B: Corrupt government officials proven guilty.

C: Mother poisoned her 3 kids because of poverty.

D: An 8 year-old girl caught shop lifting.

E: A mentally – impaired man stabbed two teenagers.

