The Kodansha Kanji Learner’s Dictionary: Revised and Expanded

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Jack Halpern, CEO of The CJK Dictionary Institute (CJKI) in Japan, is pleased to announce the publication of The Kodansha Kanji Learner’s Dictionary: Revised and Expanded (KKLD), published by Kodansha USA, and the release of electronic versions for iOS and Android platforms.

KKLD incorporates all the features that made the original 1999 parent work so popular. This includes core meanings, detailed character meanings, stroke-order diagrams, cross-references to homophones, numerous compounds and examples, and a speedy indexing system. Yet it also includes numerous enhancements, including hundreds of new kanji reflecting recent revisions to the Jōyō and Jinmei Kanji lists (the sets of characters prescribed by the Japanese government for use in writing and in personal names). With 3,002 character entries—772 more than in the first print edition—this is the most comprehensive and up-to-date dictionary of its kind.

Distinctive Features

- 3,002 main entry characters, including all the kanji in the Jōyō and Jinmei Kanji lists
- Approximately 46,000 senses for 35,000 words, word elements, and illustrative examples
- 1,300 homophones with core meanings explain differences between closely related characters
- 390 variant forms used in prewar literature and in names
- 2,136 stroke-order diagrams show you how to write each kanji stroke by stroke
- 9,200 character readings, including 2,400 name readings
- Thousands of cross-references and five appendixes give access to a mass of useful reference data

“Captures the power of Japanese … and aids learners at almost every level of study in their effort to master the written language.”

Y.-H. Tohsaku, President, American Association of Teachers of Japanese

“[KKLD] is all you could hope for and more, much more. With the brilliant and easy SKIP method … the kanji you want can be found in less than a 1/2 minute.”

Lin Golden, Japanese Learner (Amazon.com review)
This new edition has been designed to meet in full the specific needs of learners. KKLD not only accurately records the linguistic facts about kanji, but also strives to present them in a manner that gives the user insight into how they function as a system.

iOS and Android Editions

While a faithful adaptation of the print edition, the iOS and Android editions are beautifully designed applications that take advantage of the advanced features of smartphones and tablet technology to make the dictionary even easier to use by learners. Users can search for characters by SKIP, by radical, by on and kun readings, as well as by English meaning. What’s more, unlike the print edition, users can opt to have Japanese readings displayed in either Romanized Japanese or kana. No kanji dictionary on the market today offers such a full range of features in such a stunning, user-friendly interface.

Kanji Integrated Tools

These editions are the latest additions to Kanji Integrated Tools (KIT), a series of thus far eleven computer-edited dictionaries and software applications for the study of kanji that enjoy an excellent reputation among scholars, educators, and learners throughout the world. This series has further expanded with the publication of The Kodansha Kanji Dictionary, based on Jack Halpern's groundbreaking New Japanese-English Character Dictionary and containing more than 5,300 entry characters.

The CJK Dictionary Institute, Inc. specializes in Chinese, Japanese and Korean lexicography. CJKI is headed by Jack Halpern, editor-in-chief of the New Japanese-English Character Dictionary and various other dictionaries that have become standard reference works for studying Japanese. CJKI is one of the world’s prime sources for CJK and Arabic dictionary data, and is contributing to CJK information processing technology with its high-quality lexical resources.

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