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Hello, this was a post which I started a thread for in the group sci.lang.

Apparently, a lot of people disagree with me on this.

However, I am a LOT more adept at Japanese than the people of sci.lang, so I naturally had to move here.

I hope there are some bilingual Japanese citizens who can comment on this.

With regard to context, I just want to say that everything I've written is pretty self-explanatory.

I have already broken down a bunch of kanji sequences for the other group to prove my point.

Now, I know you guys are Japanese, and so you will take this post very seriously and that is good.

However, please realize I am looking so DEEP into Japanese that the term "Japanese" is not applicable to much of any argument concerning this.

This is because my aim is to convince society (or at least sci.lang.japan) of the following:

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If you want to argue with me on this, do it on THIS THREAD.

However, PLEASE use your own experience for examples when posting.

Consider the fact I am quite adept at reading/translating languages of people I have never met and places I have never gone to, I am aware of this at quite an instinctive level. I would rather not people use citations of literature with regard to something I have had in my bones for years. I'm sure computer programmers would feel the same way about people running around saying "C is not a language."

Generally kanji is written Chinese. Back in the olden days, the Chinese and Japanese did "business" and a lot of voyages were condoned by the Emperor of Japan to travel to China and learn about their culture.

The first communication was from the Emperor of Japan to the Emperor of China. It was a scroll that said "From the land of the rising sun to the land of the setting sun." Of course the good old Japanese had to show the Chinese up somehow ;)

One of the "traded goods" from China to Japan was Chinese written

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language, which translates today in Japan to kanji.

Kanji is more pictographic than hiragana, and katakana, which are phonetic languages. People may argue that "Japanese" is the language, however if one is adept at speaking Japanese, they will know that in many cases hiragana, katakana, and kanji terms are used independently of each other. It is not always required to say "watashi wa gakkō e ikimasu." Many times Japanese will say quickly "Iku" which is an infinite meaning "to go" and is also a lonely kanji, all by itself.