

Re: Text Messages in Chinese and Japanese (WAS: Writing French without accented characters)

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Dylan Sung wrote:

- > It is likely that Japanese cellular phones use kana input, and arranged by
- > their initial sounds vowels, k, s, t, n, r, m, y, w with each giving a i u e
- > o, and one more for n probably. It would seem logical to me at least as it
- > would give the go-juu-on or Japanese syllabary. Once the appropriate key is
- > entered, lists of kanji would be accessible, or they may just keep it kana
- > based to save time as they don't want to search long lists of kanji.

They not only use kanji, they use all kinds of crazy Cyrillic and Greek letters to create original emoticons and even to combine them to make them look like kanji. There are several input methods, the most common being the one you described (except you forgot the A-row), but as you're writing, the supercomputer – I mean, cell phone – anticipates what you're going to say and suggests a whole list of possibilities on the bottom of the screen.

Example:

S <-text entered here

1.Êã2.SË3.Sn 4. <-suggestions

The suggestions get more specific the farther into the word/sentence you are, so you can generally just type a whole sentence with a few key strokes.

Marc

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