

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

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"Peter T. Daniels" wrote :

>> >> Sinophone? Nipponophones?!!!  
>> >  
>> > "Sinophone" is pretty standard; "Nipponophone" looks weird because  
>> > it puts a non-Greek (or -Latin) root together with a Greek one. If  
>> > we knew the Classical Greek (or Latin) word for Japan, we might be  
>> > able to create a less jarring term.  
>>  
>> Well, "sin" in "Sinophone" isn't really a Classical Greek or Latin  
>> root either, is it? At least not an original one.  
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> It goes way back --- they knew about China long before they knew about  
> Japan.

I have a Ptolemaic map, and I'm not sure whether Japan is on it. I know that Japan was called Cipangu on the early Renaissance maps that showed it. So, how do Cipangophones create text messages on their serruraru fonu?

Dennis

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