

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

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"Dylan Sung" wrote :

> Sinophone? Nipponophones?!!!

Just guesses. Remember, Sino-Japanese war, Sino-Soviet relations, etc. 'Nipponophone' sounds a little more euphonious than 'Japanophone'. It's actually French which uses such terms; English seems to say Chinese-speaker, etc.

> Chinese users use a number of input methods for inputting Chinese
> characters in text messages. I use pinyin which bring up a list of
> characters for the string of pinyin text I input using the digit keys
> where the roman alphabet is divided up amongst the keys as they do in
> "occidental phones". There are inputs based on Chinese character
> strokes as well, which derive from keyboard number pad input methods.

Fascinating! Do you get a choice when you buy a cell phone?

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> 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.

I guess the Japanese themselves will have to tell us how their
serruraru phones work.

Dennis

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