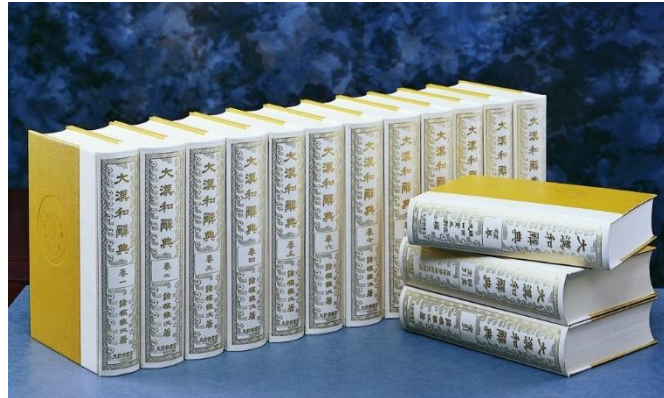


**NetAdvance to Release JapanKnowledge “Dai Kanwa Jiten” in Spring 2021**

NetAdvance Inc. (President and CEO Masahiro Oga) is pleased to announce the release of Dai Kanwa Jiten Web Edition, an online dictionary and encyclopedia service, as an optional new component of JapanKnowledge Lib in spring 2021.



JapanKnowledge is a leading knowledge database in Japan, consisting of more than 70 dictionaries, encyclopedias, reference compilations and periodical resources. Its diverse range of content is crucial for research in humanities. The database includes essential encyclopedias such as *Nihon Daihyakka Zensho* (Encyclopedia Nipponica), *Sekai Daihyakkajiten* (Heibonsha's World Encyclopedia), and *Nihon Kokugo Daijiten* (Unabridged Dictionary of the Japanese Language), as well as specialized dictionaries such as *Kadokawa Kogo Daijiten*, *Shinpen Kokka Taikan*, *Kokushi Daijiten* (Encyclopedia of Japanese History), and an eBook version of *Shinpen Nihon Koten Bungaku Zenshu* (The Complete Collection of Japanese Classical Literature). It enables users to do full-text searches and integrated searches throughout the entire collection, something which is impossible with printed materials.

*Dai Kanwa Jiten* (Great Chinese-Japanese Character Dictionary) is a dictionary published by Taishukan Publishing Co., Ltd. (President Kazuyuki Suzuki), consisting of 50,000 entries of kanji characters and 530,000 words and phrases. A founder of Taishukan, Ichihei Suzuki, requested sinologist Tetsuji Morohashi to compile a dictionary at the beginning of the Showa period, and with the interruption of World War II, it was finally completed in 2000 when a supplementary volume was published. It was a feat of over 70 years resulting in 15 volumes, and it has been used as a vital basic reference not only by researchers of kanji characters, but also by researchers of Chinese literature and Oriental history.

In November 2018, Taishukan produced a digital version of Dai Kanwa Jiten on a USB stick in honor of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. With one click of a button, it is possible to access all the information in the whole set of volumes. There are additional search methods, such as approximate string matching of the number of strokes within a range of two strokes above or below the specified number, and the ability to search using parts of characters other than radicals. These new methods of searching contributed to improving efficiency and advancement in

research. The web version of JapanKnowledge, to be released next year, will have the same convenience provided by the digital version, but with the added advantage of providing access from anywhere, and integrated searches with other resources\*.

\* The search by idiom function is not available at the time of JK web version's release, as was the case with the digital version on a USB stick.

Dai Kanwa Jiten Web Edition will be available to educational and research institutes and libraries through the exclusive distributor of JapanKnowledge, Kinokuniya Company Limited (Chairman and President Masashi Takai). Kinokuniya Company Limited has a wide network of bookstores and sales offices in and outside Japan, and assists educational and research activities in respective areas by supplying publications, digital resources, and other services.

For years, many have longed for Dai Kanwa Jiten to be a part of JapanKnowledge, and it is finally set to become a reality. We hope that Dai Kanwa Jiten Web Edition will empower a diverse range of people throughout the world who are involved in research of kanji, literature and history.

#### NetAdvance Inc.

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#### Taishukan Publishing Co., Ltd.

Founded in 1918, Taishukan Publishing Co, Ltd is a publishing company with over 100 years of history. The company's motto is "Publication of superb books to be passed on for generations to come," and they have been publishing dictionaries such as the Dai Kanwa Jiten and Genius English-Japanese Dictionary; textbooks for high schools and junior high schools; study-aid books; specialized books; and educational books.

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