Interfaces of Bilingual Education, Japanese Socioculture, and Podcasting Technologies

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Interfaces 😊 to interpret 😊 with interdisciplinarity 😊

Bilingual Education

Podcasting Technologies

Japanese Socioculture
Bilingual Education in Japanese Socioculture

We’re raucous in our peer groups, otherwise reserved.

New multicultural Japan? They’re just my cousins.

Buddhist-Shinto syncretism and cliffs that eat temples are antiquarian?
Bilingual Education in Japanese Socioculture

– some of the relatively few favorable factors

◆ Japanese-English bilingualism is valorized
◆ Widely acknowledged extrinsic need for more effective TEFL and international perspectives
◆ Cultural attitudes encouraging hard study through high school and hard work after college graduation
◆ Communicative abilities due to a high-EQ, sociable, responsive, other-oriented and assimilative culture
◆ The economy attracts target language teachers, affords facilities and resources for L2 education
◆ Bilingual education programs can be accredited if they parallel national standard curriculum contents
◆ Japan has some excellent bilingualism researchers, with some definitive works translated into Japanese
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- the wall and some other unfavorable factors

❖ Mutually exclusive sense of cultural allegiance: Japanese or non-Japanese, extending to language, thus no concept of developing a bicultural identity, rather a fear of being perceived as crossing over, which mitigates against foreign language fluency

❖ Government ideology of homogeneity (sameness as democratic equality) leads to assimilation of language minority children and readjustment of returnees; i.e., language as a problem instead of a right or resource

❖ Accreditation is practically impossible for schools of or by non-Japanese including submerged minorities

❖ Common sense notions about language acquisition, repeated even by some academic authors, reinforce misconceptions about bilingualism, so research-based bilingual education theory is difficult to learn or teach

Are there any questions about this first interface?
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Let the speaker know if you’re puzzled too!
Saturday, 09 July 2005

Reincarnation or What? Stone-Hand Temple and the Pilgrimage of Shikoku

This is a gripping tale for those interested in Japanese culture, and it could serve as a college lesson on the psychology of religion, Japanese Buddhism or the Pilgrimage of Shikoku. The question is whether this legend is a proof of reincarnation or serves some unstated purpose. You can read the script while listening and follow links for further reading here or open another browser window and paste the following URL into its address box:

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- Shikoku
- pilgrimage
- religion
- psychology

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The Woman Diver: Discovering Deep East Asian Values

A most ancient Japanese legend became a temple chronicle and then a Noh play. Here it is translated from Japanese and reveals the quintessence of traditional East Asian womanhood. With her life at stake, what values prove to be uppermost? You can read the script while listening and follow a link to a journal article analyzing the legend by clicking here or open another browser window and paste the following URL into its address box:

http://www.waoe.org/president/podscripts/woman_diver.html

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- woman diving
- Shikoku
- pilgrimage
- religion
- psychology
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Thursday, 01 September 2005

Similar Proverbs in Chinese, Japanese and English?

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This may be one of the first multilingual podcasts. At a women's college in Western Japan teaching an intensive course on translation, there were two Chinese and two Japanese students, so I had them each explain in English as well as in their native language. Five proverbs were selected, and the question was if there was a similar way of thinking in the three cultures. Intercultural researchers usually focus on cultural differences, but the existence of similar proverbs arising independently in the East and the West would point to universally human wisdom. The five proverbs are: 1) Actions speak louder than words, 2) Advice when most needed is least heeded, 3) Look before you leap, 4) Penny wise, pound foolish, and 5) Ignorance is bliss.

Tags:
- Chinese
- Japanese
- English
- multilingual
- proverbs
- wisdom

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Wednesday, 24 August 2005

Questions about Japan from Developing Countries

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Questions even from developed countries?
First, some technologies: an iPod and an MP3 format digital voice recorder with a retractable extension to connect to a computer through a USB port and upload sound files (arrow). This small, light and handy gadget also brings in some elements of Japanese socioculture 😊
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Applying Critical Thinking to Opinions about Bilingual Education
When reading articles about bilingual education, it is important to distinguish whether the opinion... (4 days ago)

Multiculturalism in individuals and in society
Lecture based on Baker (2001, pp. 402-405), "Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism." Also... (18 days ago)

Blaming Multiculturalism for the Clash of Civilizations
To encourage critical thinking by the students, a newspaper article by a British politician is in... (23 days ago)

Suggestions for Research on Bilingual Education (2)
Topics for the third response paper or semester research paper can be drawn from the syllabus. Th... (25 days ago)
Clicking on the title of a podcast opens another Web page with an MP3 player, an annotation describing the lecture, and sometimes an external link to download a course file. In this case it is the first lecture of the semester and the link is to the detailed syllabus.

Are there any questions about this third and last interface?
For further investigation

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- Steve Illustrated (Flickr photo sharing) with e-learning screen shots for research
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- Japanese and English homepages since 1996, mobile phone Website since 2000
- World Association for Online Education (WAOE), an NPO with membership free
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