

# Interfaces of Bilingual Education, Japanese Socioculture, and Podcasting Technologies



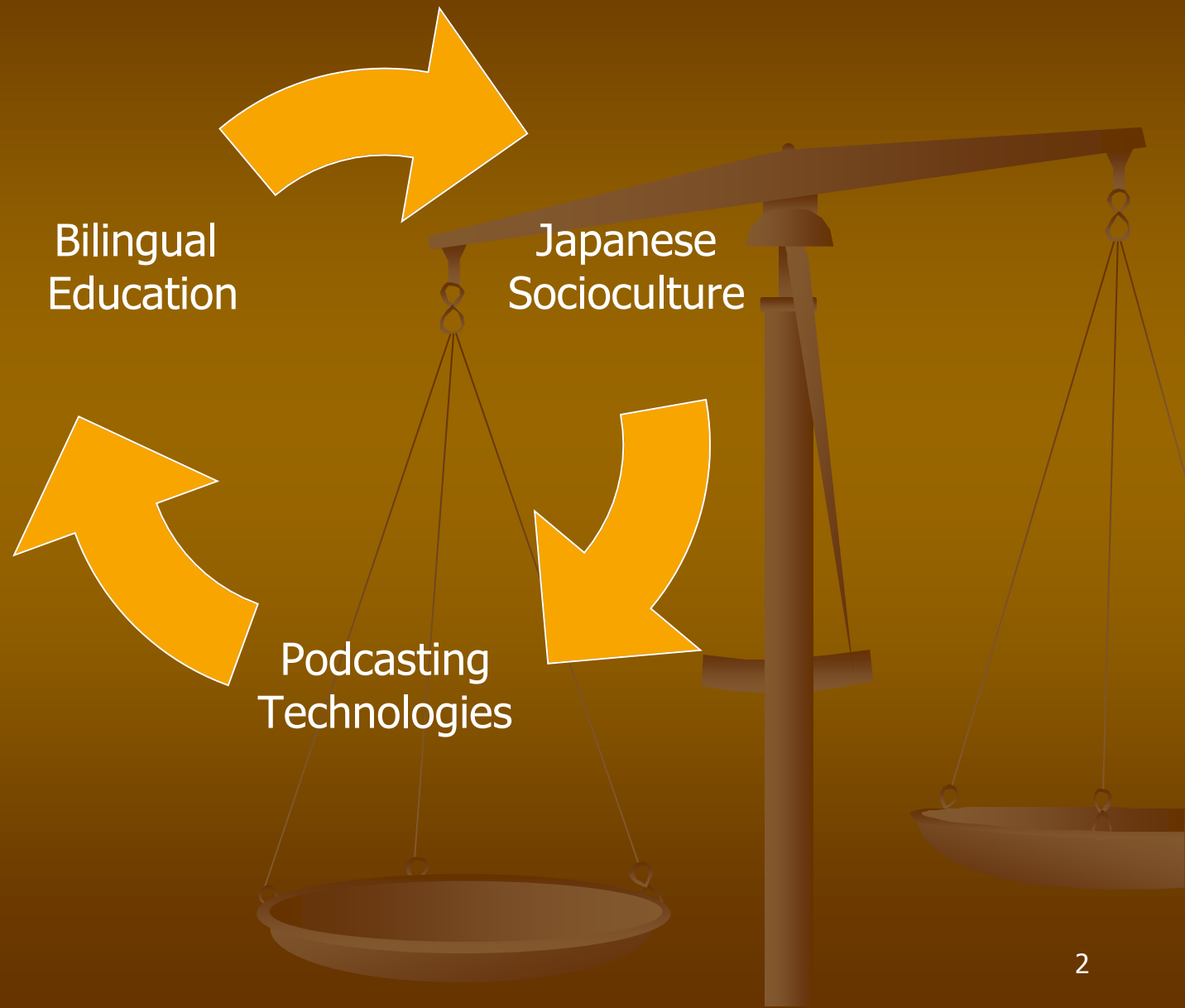
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# Interfaces ☺ to interpret ☺ with interdisciplinarity ☺



# 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





# Bilingual Education in Japanese Socioculture

- **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?*

# Japanese Socioculture in Podcasting Technologies




The screenshot shows the iTunes application window. The top bar includes the iTunes logo and a search bar. The left sidebar lists various sources: Library, Podcasts, Party Shuffle, Radio, Music Store, Recently Added, Recently Played, Top 25 Most Played, and Podcasts. The main content area displays the 'Japancasting' podcast page, which includes a cover image of a Japanese landscape, the podcast title, email address, total episodes, category, and language. A 'Podcast Description' section provides details about the podcast's focus on Japanese culture and education. Below this, a table lists the episodes.

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**Japancasting**

Podcaster:  
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Description:  
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 **Saturday, 09 July 2005**

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**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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**The Woman Diver: Discovering Deep East Asian Values**


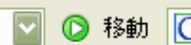
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This may be one of the first multilingual podcasts. At a women's college in Western Japan teaching an intensive course on translation, there were two Chinese and two Japanese students, so I had them each explain in English as well as in their native 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:


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Podcast Name:  
**Japancasting**

Podcaster:  
**Steve McCarty**

Description:  
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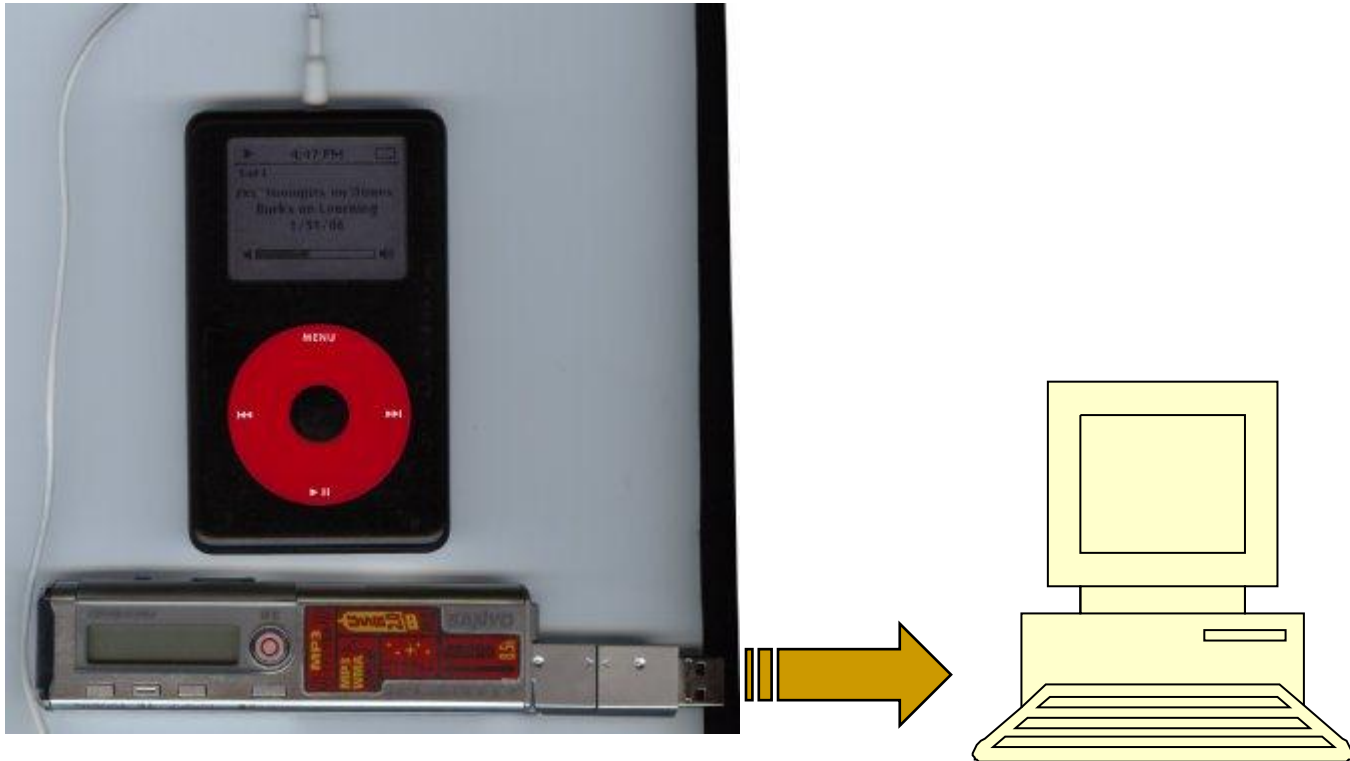
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# Podcasting Technologies in Bilingual Education



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 😊

# Podcasting Technologies in Bilingual Education

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- 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)**  
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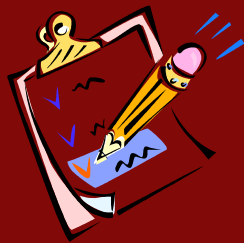
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*It's showtime!*





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- Podcasting, Coursecasting & Web 2.0 Technologies for Research (EFL wiki)
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- Steve Illustrated (Flickr photo sharing) with e-learning screen shots for research
- Podcasting sites "Japancasting" and "Coursecasting Bilingual Education"
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