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Japanese as a Heritage Language in Hong Kong: A Socio-historical Perspective



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All are Welcome!!

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Abstract: Whereas Japanese has been widely learned by people in Hong Kong as a foreign language (JFL), few researchers have committed themselves to Japanese that has been inherited and spoken among the region's ethnic Japanese residents as their heritage language (JHL). How have JHL speakers inherited Japanese in their families and schools? How have the societal contexts surrounding JHL speakers changed over time? How have JHL speakers perceived their speaking Japanese and "Japanese-ness"? Stories differ from person to person, from family to family, and from time to time. We explore these questions by way of documents and narratives (oral history), and engage our own minds to underrepresented JHL speakers of different generations and backgrounds.

No registration necessary.

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