

Kinokuniya to Become the Sales Agent of JapanKnowledge School

Kinokuniya Company Ltd. (Chairman and President Masashi Takai) is pleased to announce the signing of an agreement with NetAdvance Inc. (President Masahiro Oga), by which Kinokuniya becomes the sales agent of NetAdvance's new product, JapanKnowledge School. ICT implementation is rapidly advancing in the field of education, with mobile devices being provided to students, and distance lectures becoming commonplace. In this new learning atmosphere, JapanKnowledge School will work as an educational support tool, facilitating inquiry-based learning—a form of active learning in which students study the themes they set themselves—and ICT utilization in the curriculum. The planned release date is April 1st, 2021.

JapanKnowledge School is an internet service that provides integrated searching and browsing of encyclopedias, dictionaries, book series, and other resources frequently used by junior and senior high school students. Each student can create a personal account that will be accessible from a variety of devices, including personal computers, tablets and smartphones, allowing the student easy access to the content they need, whether they are at school, at home, or on their commute.

The most remarkable point of JapanKnowledge School is the rich content. It includes two greatly renowned encyclopedias of Japan, **Complete Japanese Encyclopedia (Encyclopedia Nipponica)**, and **Heibonsha's World Encyclopedia**. It also offers multiple Japanese dictionaries including **Iwanami's Japanese Dictionary** and **Gendai Kokugo Reikai Jiten**, as well as **Digital Dai-ji-sen Japanese Dictionary**, which stands as one of the leading contemporary Japanese language dictionaries, and the largest Japanese dictionary, **Shogakukan Unabridged Dictionary of the Japanese Language**. In addition, a variety of English dictionaries are available, ranging from medium-sized to advanced, allowing users can find the one that best suits their needs and skill level. JapanKnowledge School also provides a full range of must-have resources for active learning, including yearbooks, social statistics, and geographical maps. Several book series are accessible, too, such as **Iwanami Shinsho** and **Iwanami Junior Shinsho**, and **The Complete Collection of Japanese Classical Literature: New Edition**, which consists of 88 volumes covering famous works from the ancient to the early modern period.

In support of ICT in the field of education, Kinokuniya is pleased to be the distributor of JapanKnowledge School to junior and high schools across Japan.

■Visit JapanKnowledge School site for further information (Japanese only) : <https://japanknowledge.com/school/>

<NetAdvance Inc.>

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