

Development of the Technical Term Learning Site “KEIZAI no NIOHNGO”

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Summary

Although in general Japanese language education one only learns a small number of technical terms at the junior high school level, it is necessary for international students receiving a professional education to master “high-school graduate level technical terms” in their field of specialization before entering university. However, this is difficult to achieve. After entering university, international students must often learn both high school graduate level and beginning college level technical terms at the same time, placing a heavy workload on them. In order to lessen this load, the author developed a learning site for international students majoring in economics and Japanese language learners who are seeking work in Japan. The site allows users to learn high school graduate level 612 economic technical terms and 630 technical collocations according to their educational goals.

The site is available in 4 languages. The technical terms are arranged by topic which users can select and study. Entries for key terms have collocations and example sentences that show how the term is used. Audio is included for the terms, collocations, and example sentences. This feature may be used to practice sentence dictation, for example. After its release, the author surveyed user evaluations and modified the site as much as possible based on the results.

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