

Japanese English in Travel Brochures

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Abstract : This study investigates the role and impact of English loan words on Japanese language in travel brochures. The issues arising from a potential switch to English as a tool to absorb the West's advanced knowledge and technology in the modernization of Japan to a means of linking Japan with the rest of the world and enhancing the country's international presence. Sociolinguistic contexts were used to analyze data collected from the Nippon Travel agency "HIS"'s brochures in Thailand, revealing that English plays the most important role as lexical gap fillers and special effect givers. An increasing mixer of English to Japanese affects how English is misused, the way the Japanese see the world and the present generation's communication gap.

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