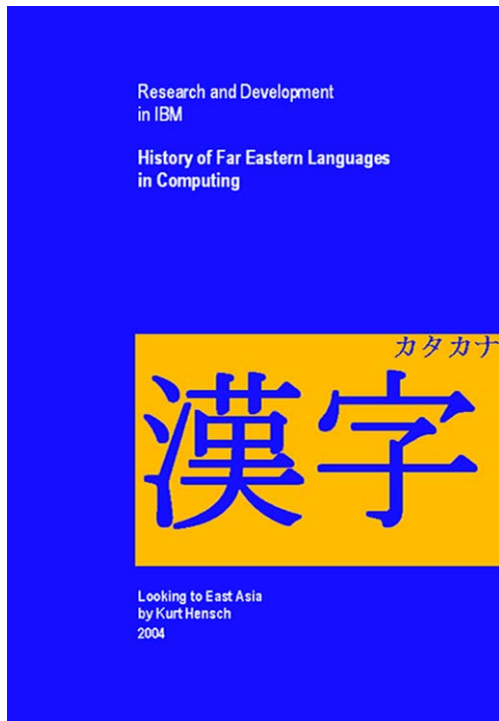


## Announcement of a new Book:

**“IBM History of Far Eastern Languages in Computing” by Kurt Hensch (2004)****Contents**

- Introduction
- Prologue
- Requirements, Phonetic Solutions in the 1960s
- Characters Used in Far Eastern Countries
- Technologies for Handling Characters
- Reduced Phonetic Character Set Implementation, 1960s
- Initial Efforts, Full Kanji Solution in Japan, Early 1970s
- First Japan Kanji Capability Realization, Early 1970s
- Newspaper Publishing Systems in Japan
- IBM Japan Taking the Lead, Achievements through 1990s
- East Asia Coded Character Set Standardization
- Major Changes through New Technologies
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