

かんじけんていしけん
漢字検定試験
Kanji examination

The Japanese love a contest, and kanji, which requires such effort to learn, is a popular subject.

The ^{かんじけんていしけん}漢字検定試験, or ^{かんけん}漢検 for short, attracts contestants in great numbers every year. The

test has 10 levels - Level 8 allows young learners to try their powers of memory, while Level 1 is

so demanding that few educated Japanese are able to score highly. A Level 9-10 ^{じどう}児童(juvenile)

^{かんけん}漢験 has been created for children of primary years 1-3, and foreign learners of Japanese are

also being encouraged to take up the challenge. There are also many kanji contests run on a

smaller scale, particularly in schools. Depending on the school's aims, it may be an open contest

which all students can attempt, regardless of age, or it may be a test which is pitched at different

levels, making it easier to achieve ^{ひゃくてんまんてん}百点満点 (full marks). To find out more, go to

<http://www.kanken.or.jp> .

