

Belarusian Language in Japan:  
A Case of Translated Belarusian Literature and Reference Books  
on Belarusian Language Education

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Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in December 1991, the Republic of Belarus gained its independence. Since then Japanese literature scholars and linguists have been showing a growing interest towards the new country's language and culture. Namely, direct translation of literature written in Belarusian into Japanese (instead of translating from Russian) and introduction of Belarusian language education into universities is taking place. This study analyzes the recent situation related to Belarusian literature and language in Japan.