



Tokyo Tech

# Tokyo Tech Academy for Leadership presents Global Leadership Cafe lecture series #5

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## Guest speaker: **Jack Halpern** (lexicographer, CEO of CJK Dictionary Institute) My four-decade journey through the fascinating world of kanji and languages

**In person and online**
**Date & Time:**  
**Friday, December 2, 2022**  
**6:00PM-7:30PM**  
**Language: English Free / 無料**

**Venue: (Capacity: about 40 seats)**  
**Workshop Room 1 & 2,**  
**Taki Plaza B2F,**  
**Tokyo Institute of Technology,**  
**Ookayama Campus**
**\*Online participants: Zoom link will be notified to registrants before the event.**

**Registration:**  
**Both in person and**  
**online participants**  
**need to register**

**More info**




# Introduction

We at ToTAL, are honored to welcome Jack Halpern as a guest speaker at our lecture series, Global Leadership Cafe.

A renowned Japanese language expert and polyglot, Jack Halpern will talk about his long fascination with kanji and the secrets of learning languages.

He will also talk about how he has been able to turn this passion for kanji and languages into several well-respected dictionaries for learners and technical dictionaries covering topics such as mechanical engineering, economics and medicine. He has developed language learning software, and operates a successful company licensing large-scale lexical databases to many of the world's top IT companies.

## About the speaker

Jack Halpern (春遍雀來), CEO of The CJK Dictionary Institute, is a lexicographer by profession.

Jack has lived in Japan for over 40 years, was born in Germany and has lived in six countries including France, Brazil, Japan and the United States.

An avid polyglot who specializes in Japanese and Chinese lexicography, he has studied 18 languages (speaks 11 fluently) and has devoted several decades to the study of linguistics and lexicography.

He is well-known as the editor-in-chief of the Kodansha Kanji Learner's Dictionary and the inventor of the SKIP system for kanji lookup.

He is also the founder of the International Unicycling Federation.

