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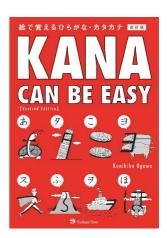
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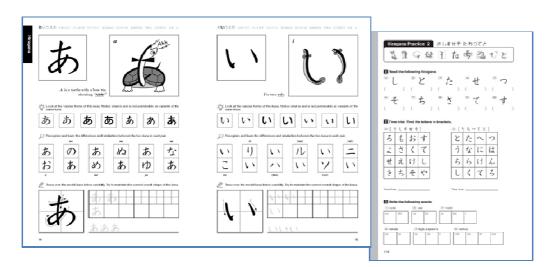
Tokyo, December 21, 2016 - The Japan Times, Ltd. has released a revised edition to its bestselling fun-and-easy *kana* practice book, "Kana Can Be Easy [Revised Edition]."

Early mastery of *kana* (*hiragana* and *katakana*) is essential to make rapid and steady progress in the Japanese language, but learning all 92 *kana* characters one by one is a painstaking and time-consuming process.

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- All illustrations have been enhanced to help you grasp the image of each kana more easily.
- Larger size provides more space for writing practice and greater ease of writing.
- Review sheets—one for every 10 characters—have been added.

Product details:

Title: "Kana Can Be Easy [Revised Edition]" Date of publication: On sale in bookstores in Japan after late December 2016 Price: 1,296 yen (including sales tax) Size: 257 mm×182 mm, 128 pages ISBN: 978-4-7890-1661-2



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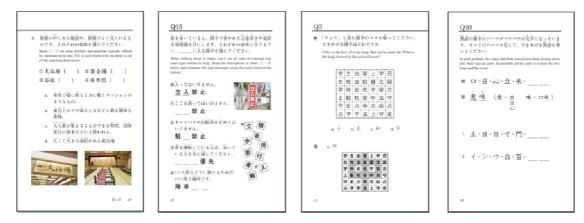
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