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A Note on Japanese Terms

Japanese terms have been romanized according to the modified Hepburn system:

- *a* is pronounced *ah*;
- *e* is pronounced *eh*, as in “get”;
- *i* is pronounced *ee*;
- *u* is similar to *oo*;
- *ch* is pronounced *tch*, as in “church”;
- *s* is always unvoiced, as in “said”;
- *w* and *y* are semi-vowels;
- *h* is always aspirated, as in “house”;
- *r* is pronounced between *r* and *l*;
- *g* is hard, as in “garden,” regardless of the vowel that follows;
- *j* is pronounced as in “John”;
- each vowel is pronounced separately: *ai* = *ah-ee*;
- a macron indicates a long vowel: *ō* = *oo*; *ū* = *uu*.

Personal names are transcribed in the traditional Japanese order, with surname preceding given name.

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