

'Gold' selected as Japan's kanji of the year

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Kiyomizu Temple chief abbot Seihan Mori adds the finishing touches to his calligraphic representation of the Chinese character for "gold" or "money," which was chosen as the kanji of the year, at the temple in Kyoto's Higashiyama Ward on Dec. 12, 2016. (Mainichi)

KYOTO -- The Chinese character for "gold" or "money" has been selected as the kanji of the year, the Japan Kanji Aptitude Testing Foundation announced on Dec. 12.

Each year in Japan the association, located in Kyoto's Higashiyama Ward, names a character best representing the social situation of the times.

Seihan Mori, chief abbot of Kiyomizu Temple, a World Cultural Heritage site in Higashiyama Ward, unveiled this year's character at the temple the same day, drawing it with a large brush on Japanese paper measuring 1.5 meters by 1.3 meters.

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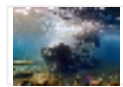
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