

BILL BENFIELD

ビル・ベンフィールド

Narrator, Voice Actor, Translator

Bill was born in London, but has lived in Toyo since the early 1980s. He has worked extensively in the field of education since his first job in Tokyo as the director of a language school affiliated with All Nippon Airways and then through subsequent university teaching positions at institutions including Keio University, Meiji Gakuin and Dokkyo University.

During this time, he also had a parallel career in writing and journalism, working as a writer and editor for the Mainichi Daily News. He still works as a news editor for NHK on its Bilingual News, international satellite news broadcasts, and NHK Special Documentaries.

He has also combined his experience of education and writing to produce more than 25 English textbooks, including the best-selling *世界で戦う伝わるビジネス英語* co-written with the prolific Japanese author Asami Beethoven. He specializes in writing and editing TOEIC material, and has collaborated with NHK on a radio TOEIC course for business people as well as producing TOEIC textbooks for publishers such as Seibido, Nanundo, Cengage, and ASK. In addition, he has done extensive narration and translation work for major Japanese corporations including, Honda, Toyota, Nissan, Suntory, JR, Komatsu, Ricoh and Yamato Transport. In his spare time, he plays guitar and mandolin, recording several CDs and appearing at the Vienna Blues Festival.

EDUCATION

1992 Japanese Pro ciency Examination, grade 2 1986-1987 RSA Diploma in TEFL (Distinction)
1978 International House, London TEFL Cert. 1972-1976 Worcester College, Oxford University MA
Modern Languages (German & French)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

- Company Dagmusic: Owner and director Writing
Seibido Publishing Company: Editorial Consultant, writer (since 1999) NHK
- (Newslines, English News Center, Bilingual News): TV/radio news script editor (since 1992)
- Narration Several clients: Narrations for major corporations such as Pioneer, Toshiba,
- NEC, JR, NHK (documentaries), Aichi, Expo, JAXA
- Translation/Editing Several clients: Work on corporate communication material, video scripts for major corporations



PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- 1994-2008 Dokkyo University, Faculty of Foreign Languages. Part-time lecturer
- 1998 Chief English-language editor of 'Sports Nippon' special Nagano Olympics

JOURNALISM

- Articles for Billboard, Hollywood Reporter, Mainichi, Daily News, Mainichi Weekly, The Japan Times, Tokyo Tour Guide

EDUCATIONAL TEXTS

Seibido:

Travel English at Your Fingertips, Start-up Course for the TOEIC Text, Science Views, Power Reading, Step-up Listening, English Upgrade, Styling Corporate Messages, TOEIC Test Practice with Core Vocabulary, Access to Simple English, Across the Pacific Ocean, New Windows on the World, Cultural Walks in Britain, Useful College English, Happy Days in England, Polish up Your English, Science Makes Life Exciting, Read Up!

Sanshusha: Britain: Historical Tales, Britain Old and New

ASK Living English for the TOEIC Test

Nan'undo TOEIC Test On Target, Book 1, TOEIC Test on Target (1 & 2)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Society of Writers, Editors and Translators (SWET)¥

OTHER SKILLS

- Languages: Japanese, French, German