

## Explanatory Notes

*Jōyō kanji* 常用漢字 (Chinese Characters for Regular Use in Japan) are used for Japanese, and Traditional Chinese Characters (not Simplified Characters) are used for Chinese and Korean.

For the transcription of Chinese character sounds, the Hepburn system is used for Japanese, the pinyin system for Chinese, and the McCune-Reischauer system for Korean.

Languages other than Greek are, as a rule, transcribed into the Latin alphabet.

We followed modern Turkish orthography for the transcription of Ottoman Turkish and the American Library of Congress ALA-LC Romanization Tables for Arabic and Russian.

We also followed the Modern Mongolian Standard Transcription Table for Mongolian names and the Poppe system for traditional Mongolian script in quoted documents.

We used simplified phonetic spellings of the Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library (THDL) transliteration system for Tibetan, and the Wylie system for the transcription of Tibetan script.

As a rule, the Common Era is used for dates in the text, with dates based on the other calendars added in ( ) when necessary. We have added an *h* to dates in the Islamic calendar (*hijrī*) and an *r* to dates in the Ottoman Fiscal Calendar (*rūmī*).