

# Budaya populer : studi kasus karakter Kawaii Sanrio Jepang = Popular culture : A Case study of Sanrio Japan's Kawaii characters

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## Abstrak

[**ABSTRAK** Kawaii dan karakter merupakan salah satu budaya populer Jepang yang banyak digandung dalam berbagai cara, gaya, dan bentuk. Perusahaan Sanrio melihat peluang ini dan menciptakan karakter-karakter kartun yang ditambahkan dengan kesan kawaii. Karakter terkenal seperti Hello Kitty sebagai pemicu keberhasilan Sanrio yang akhirnya menjadikan perusahaan ini sebagai perusahaan yang memproduksi banyak karakter-karakter kawaii lainnya dan mengubah kawaii menjadi komoditas dan merek dagang yang sangat populer di seluruh Jepang dan dunia. Produksi karakter kawaii dengan jumlah yang besar, cakupan pemasaran yang luas, penggunaan media massa, dan tingginya minat masyarakat terhadap keunikan karakter Sanrio menjadikan Sanrio sebagai salah satu perusahaan raksasa Jepang dalam industri karakter serta menjadikan karakter kawaii sebagai salah satu bagian dari banyaknya budaya populer di Jepang .<hr>

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