On Assignment of "Textual Meaning":
An Analysis of Functional Differences be
tween the Japanese Anaphoric Determiners
kono and *sono*

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In this paper. I try to clarify functional differences existing between the Japanese anaphoric determiners *kono* and *sono*.

In order to address the problem I introduce the concept of "textual meaning." "Textual meaning" is assigned to a "definite information NP" (DINP)--an NP which stands in an anaphoric relationship with an antecedent (ANT)--when the semantic characteristics of the DINP and its ANT are the same. In Japanese, DINPs which are not assigned textual meaning are strictly marked with *kono*, while those which *are* assigned textual meaning are marked with either *kono* or *sono* (or not marked at all) depending on context.