

Title: IRGN2478 Feedback: Comments on Japanese place name characters in WS2021.
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I apologize my delayed submission of the comment on WS2021 during the first review in IRG#57.

In WS2021, some Japanese place name characters are proposed by the data collected from social network services, like Twitter. For example, #01193 <https://hc.jsecs.org/irg/ws2021/app/?id=01193> would be sourced from <https://twitter.com/sarasvati635/status/970256794789412864> posted on 2018. I think that the submitters of such characters are expected to provide more materials to evaluate their requirements and their stabilities in addition to the evidence and other attributes of each character.

- Their requirements are not clear.

The requirements of these Japanese place name characters are not confirmed. In the Japanese governmental registration system, some of them might have been normalized by the existing coded characters or expanded by Hiragana/Katakana. In the case that they are proposed by other member bodies, the submitters' member body would have the governmental requirement?

Even if there is no governmental requirement, there could be a scholastic requirement. But if there would be some scholastic activities on the proposed characters, there should be more use-cases like the publishing of the books, dictionaries (with sufficiently description), articles in academic journals, open access databases, etc. Do the submitters have some backups by the researchers with continuous effort for these characters?

- Their stabilities might not have been confirmed yet.

The researches "how/why this place name character is shaped like this?", "can we prove that it is not mistakenly shaped glyph of something else?" or "how wide this place name character is used in this shape?" take a long time. Some experts may tell the information of the ongoing research via the SNS, but it is not always the sign of "ready to encode this place name character in UCS". It is expected for the submitters to collect the comments from the experts, whether they are thinking as "it is ready to encode" or "further research is needed".

I hope the submitters can give more explanations about the use-cases and the stabilities, like L2/20-206 (<https://www.unicode.org/L2/L2020/20206-japanese-place-names.pdf>).

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