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Title: Proposal to Change Glyph of U+21128
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Background

A reviewer of IRG Working Set 2021 recently pointed out that the character 𪗇 VN-F170F □□𪗇 used an unusual element, 女, in the component 𪗇. Investigation of the Vietnamese reference font, Nom Na Tong-Regular, showed that all but one other example of 𪗇 as a standalone character or component, use 𪗇, not 女. Also the source evidence for VN-F170F shows 𪗇, not 女.

Based on this, we decided to change VN-F170F to use 𪗇.

Proposed change

The encoded character 𪗇 U+21128 □□𪗇 also uses 女.

21128	𪗇	𪗇
□ 30.17		
	UCS2003	V2-7259

However, the sources actually show 𪗇, as can be seen on line 1369 of the 1870 version of *Truyện Kiều*.

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We can find no evidence to support a design of U+21128 using 女. Based on the design of 嫩 in other Vietnamese glyphs, and the above evidence, we propose changing the glyph for U+21128 to use 𡗗.

Note, the stroke count already reflects the 4 strokes of 𡗗, so no Unihan data changes are required.

The change will be reflected in NomNaTong-Regular, v4.613.