

Title: UTC/L2 request to review proposal for encoding 2 kana characters
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Action: For consideration by JTC1/SC2/WG2
References: WG2 N3388 (= L2/07-421)

The Unicode Technical Committee and INCITS/L2 have reviewed document WG2 N 3388 (= L2/07-421) "Proposal to encode two Kana characters concerning YE".

We would like to request that the Japanese national body review the proposal and, if appropriate, provide comments as to the feasibility of the proposal, to the experts of WG2.

We felt that proposal seems reasonable, but concluded as follows:

1. The Japanese national body should be involved in proposals to encode kana characters.
2. We had questions as to whether the two proposed kana characters could be encoded at this time, so that users would have access to them soon, or whether they should be considered within the framework of some larger proposal for obsolete kana and/or any of the "hentaigana". Since the situation regarding various forms of hentaigana is very complicated, we assume that the latter option would require longer study.