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1.0 Introduction. Pahawh Hmong is a script devised for writing the Hmong language by Shong Lue Yang (Soob Lwj Yaj ϤͿϢ τως [ʃɔŋ l͡a jâ]). Shong Lue Yang was a charismatic figure among the Hmong in Laos, and was considered by many to be a kind of messiah. It is said that in 1959 the writing system was revealed to him by two supernatural messengers who appeared to him over a period of months. A full account of this is given in Smalley, Vang, and Yang 1990. Devised in Laos, Pahawh Hmong was taken to northern Thailand refugee camps, and then moved with waves of immigrants to Minnesota and California in the United States, and to Australia. The writing system itself had four Stages of development. In this document, the Romanized Popular Alphabet orthography (widely used by the Hmong in North America) is given alongside example text in Pahawh Hmong. Two features of the RPA are of note. Double vowels ee and oo indicate [ɛŋ] and [oŋ] respectively; final letters indicate tones thus:

RPA		
<i>-b</i>	Γ	ν high-level
-m	L	y low-glottalized
<i>-d</i>	V	y low-rising
-j	<b>\</b>	$\hat{v}$ high-falling
-v	Y	<i>v</i> mid-rising,
-Ø	r	v mid-level
-5	F	$\hat{v}$ low-level
-g	<b>\</b>	v. falling-breathy

- **1.1 The Source Version**, Pahawh Pa (*Phajhauj Paj*  $\Bar{J}\Bar{K}$   $\Bar{L}\Bar{K}$   $\Bar{L}\Bar{L}$   $\Bar{L}\Bar{K}$   $\Bar{L}\Bar{L}$   $\Bar{L}$   $\Bar{L}\Bar{L}$   $\Bar{L}$   $\Bar{L}$
- 1.3 The Third Stage Reduced Version, Pahawh Njia Dua Pe (*Phajhauj Ntsiab Duas Peb* 勺花 瓦門 以K Ѿ的 Uffi [pʰâ hâu ndʒía dùa pé]), is in current use. It rationalizes some features of the Second Stage Reduced Version, and was introduced by Shong Lue Yang in 1970-08. Some members of the Hmong user

community in Minnesota use the Third Stage Reduced Version. A Third Stage font is available from Hmongwriting.com.

1.4 The Final Version, Pahawh Tsa (*Phajhauj Txha* ¬K ¬IT UT [phâ hâu tsha]), is not in regular use. It is a radical simplification of the Third Stage Reduced Version introduced in January 1971 by Shong Lue Yang about a month before his assassination. Smalley *et al.* 1990 state that it is not in use as a practical system, though some people who know it use it as a kind of shorthand (and called it "shorthand" in English). The encoding proposed here can represent text written in all three of these Revisions.

The fact that Stage Two and Stage Three orthographies are both used makes character naming and placement of characters in the code table slightly problematic. In the Third Stage Reduced Version, base characters without diacritics end in -b or -v tones; these are represented by a more complex alternation of tones  $(-b, -v, -\emptyset, -g, -m)$  in the Second Stage Reduced Version; The easier Third Stage Reduced Version names have been used here—this does not imply a preference for either Stage, as UCS names are arbitrary. The code charts here follow the Second Stage Reduced Version ordering because we have access to a complete dictionary which follows that order.

**2.0 Processing.** Pahawh Hmong syllables are separated by spaces in text, and may contain one to four characters: base, base with diacritic, base + base, base with diacritic + base, base + base with diacritic, and base with diacritic + base with diacritic. Structurally, Pahawh Hmong is unique among the world's writing systems in that the vowel rime of a syllable (its vowel with or without tone diacritic) is written before the consonant onset of the syllable (its consonant with or without consonant-identifier diacritic). In the Figures 1 and 2, the structure of the words "Pahawh Hmong" (*Phajhauj Hmoob* [phâ hâu hmón]) is analyzed, given in Second and Third Stage Reduced Version (Final Version is identical to Third Stage Reduced Version in this example).

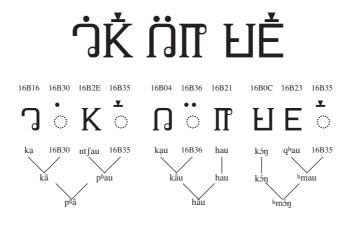


Figure 1. Second Stage Reduced Version

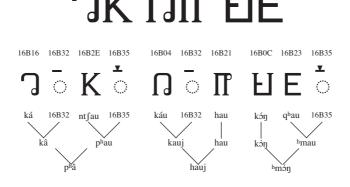


Figure 2. Third Stage Reduced Version and Final Version

- **2.1 Vowel rimes.** Characters from 16B00–16B1B are vowel codas. Adding diacritics to these alters the tone. 16B1A–16B1B are long vowels. In Shong Lue Yang's system, Hmong Daw dialect syllables KIAB JJ, KIAV  $\Delta$ , KAB  $\Box$ , and KAV If are used for Hmong Leng dialect kav, kav, kaab or kaav respectively. A revision of the script by Jay Kue of Hmong Script Software includes special characters for kaab I $\Box$  and kaav III (in Second Stage Reduced Version kaam and kaav). These are atomic characters with no decomposition. In the first place, decomposition would break the one-to-four character convention for representing Hmong syllables. In the second, the addition of a (non-productive) character I would be problematic as 16B4A PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER TENS looks just like it.
- **2.2 Consonant onsets.** Characters from 16B1C–16B2F are consonant heads. Adding diacritics to these changes the base consonant to a different, usually unrelated, consonant. Use of diacritics to affect various changes is unsystematic for the consonants. For the vowels, Stage Two Reduced Version, Stage Three Reduced Version, and Final Stage Pahawh Hmong offer an increasing rationalization of relationships, which in Final Stage Pahawh Hmong is quite systematic. The differences are orthographic, however, and do not affect the encoding. As stated above, the Stage Three Reduced Version was chosen as the basis for the character names in the encoding because it is more systematic than the Stage Two Reduced Version, and because the Final Stage is a subset of the Stage Three Reduced Version.
- **2.3 Combining diacritics** are found at 16B30–16B36 and function in the usual way. Note that 16B34 and 16B35 could be composed (16B32 + 16B30 and 16B32 + 16B31 respectively). This encoding is not recommended (because decomposition would break the one-to-four character convention for representing Hmong syllables) but a canonical decomposition is given in the character properties. See Figure 3 for discussion of grounds for encoding these as script-specific characters.
- **2.4 Encoding order.** Visual-order encoding should be preferred for Pahawh Hmong because it will make implementation less expensive and it is what users expect. The logical "reversal" of coda and head from the pronounced syllable does not affect the sorting algorithm, which follows visual order as well. Inputting and display are also done according to visual order. Unlike Devanagari, where a few vowel signs appear before the base consonant but should be represented phonetically in the backing store, *all* Pahawh Hmong syllables are uniformly represented as VtC even though the pronunciation is CVt. All current implementations employ this method of encoding.
- **3.0 Non-alphabetic characters** are used in Pahawh Hmong.
- **3.1.0 Punctuation marks** are found at 16B37–16B3C. Additional punctuation marks like ? ( ) . , ; : <> are used in Pahawh Hmong and have been unified with existing UCS characters.
- 3.1.1 Exclamation mark 16B38 **U** was invented by Pa Kao Her (*Paj Kaub Hawj* Tin [pâ káu hâw]) in 1985; Smalley and the Naadaa font retain a special glyph for this but the Cwjmem font either does not include it or prefers the generic exclamation mark. Shong Lue Yang also used "!".
- **3.1.2 Intonation mark** 16B39 : indicates the sung or chanted nature of the text. It was also used by some Second Stage Reduced Version users to mark the -d tone.
- 3.1.3 Reduplication mark 16B3A  $\hbar$  indicates reduplication of the syllable preceding:  $\ddot{\mathbb{U}} \dot{\mathbb{K}} = \ddot{\mathbb{U}} \dot{\mathbb{K}} \ddot{\mathbb{U}} \dot{\mathbb{K}}$ . tsuag tsuag [tfua tfua] 'hurry hurry'.
- **3.1.4 Ampersand** 16B3B & is derived from the ampersand and was also invented by Pa Kao Her. Smalley's font and the Naadaa font have a special glyph for this but in the Cwjmem font it faces the same direction as the generic ampersand.

- **3.1.5 Percent sign** 16B3C 7 is the percent sign. Smalley and the Naadaa font retain a special glyph for this but the Cwimem font appears to modify the regular percent sign by having dots instead of rings.
- **3.2 Digits and numbers.** 16B40–16B49 are the decimal digits 0–9. A nondecimal numeric system also exists, which makes use of 16B4A–16B50. It is not in current use. One complication is that some users employ 16B4A PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER TENS as a *zero*.
- 3.3 Grammatical classifier. 16B51  $\Sigma$  represents the syllable lub UIII [lú], the most common grammatical classifier in the Hmong language. Smalley et al. 1990 give the example  $\Sigma$   $\dot{H}\dot{A}$  lub npe [lú mbe] 'a name'. Shong Lue Yang created a sign for this because of the high frequency of the word in the language, and considering the similarity of the two characters used to write it it seem that in devising the character Shong Lue Yang was being very practical indeed.
- **3.4 Logographs.** 16B52–16B56 are logographs naming periods of time: xyoo 'year' 5, hli 'month'  $\overline{\sqcap}$ , zwj thaj 'date'  $\mathbb{D}$ , hnub 'day'  $\overline{\perp}$ , ntuj 'season'  $\dot{\overline{\perp}}$  respectively.
- **3.5 Arithmetic operators.** 16B57–16B5A are arithmetic operators. Smalley *et al.* 1990 give them, but they are not found in the fonts available from the Australian and Cwimem communities.
- **3.6 Logographs for clan names.** 16B60–16B71 are logographs for clan names. 16B60–16B6D were devised by Shong Lue Yang, and 16B6E–16B71 were added by Chia Koua Vang (*Txiaj Kuam Vaj* JĪ V lJ JC [tsîa kua vâ]).

According to Hmong custom, men and women from the same clan cannot marry each other, and are restricted in their behavior in each other's presence. They are perceived to be like brothers and sisters so far as the appropriateness of sexual contact is concerned, with considerably more restrictions than exist in a sibling relationship in the West. For example, men and women of the same clan should not throw the ball to each other at the Hmong New Year, a custom potentially leading to courtship; neither should they spend time alone together....

Shong Lue Yang designed the clan logographs to be sewn into garments or worn as badges, or posted on desks or doors to identify a person's clan. This would enable people to behave appropriately. Such identification was needed in the resettlement camps in Laos to which many Hmong people had fled for protection from the communists. In those surroundings they did not know all of their neighbors, much less other people they met.

These characters are not in current use, but are encoded for historical reasons.

**4.0 Ordering.** The ordering given in Lee Nao Long et al 2001, which uses the Second Stage Reduced Version orthography, follows the relative order of the tones, namely  $-b < -m < -d < -j < -v < -\emptyset < -s < -g$  ( $\acute{v} < \emph{v} < \emph{v}$ ). All stages use this tone-based ordering—where they differ is in which *characters* they use to represent the tones. This causes difficulties, in particular for a generic ordering based on the Second Stage Reduced Version.

In the presentation below, base characters are black, letters with CIM TUB are (using Web-named colours) dark slate blue, letters with CIM SO are dark goldenrod, letters with CIM KES are dark orange, letters with CIM KHAV are dark green, letters with CIM SUAM are crimson, letters with CIM HOM are dark magenta, and letters with CIM TAUM are dark cyan.

That is, while the Second Stage Reduced Version orthography begins:

$$\overset{\circ}{\nabla}$$
  $k\acute{e} < \overset{\circ}{\nabla}$   $k\acute{e} < \overset{\circ}{\nabla}$   $k\acute{e} < \overset{\circ}{\nabla}$   $k\check{e} < \overset{\circ}{\Im}$   $ke < \overset{\circ}{\Im}$   $k\grave{e} < \overset{\circ}{\Im}$   $ke < \overset{\circ}{\Im}$ 

The Third Stage Reduced Version orthography begins:

$$\nabla k\acute{e} < \dot{\nabla} ke < \dot{\nabla} k\acute{e} < \nabla k\acute{e} < \lambda k\acute{e} < k\acute{e} <$$

The Final Version orthography begins:

$$\nabla k\acute{e} < \dot{\nabla} ke < \dot{\nabla} k\acute{e} < \dot{\nabla} k\acute{e} < \dot{\nabla} k\acute{e} < \dot{\nabla} ke < \dot{\nabla}$$

For the purposes of a default ordering that easily supports both Third Stage Reduced Version and Final Version orthographies, each of the consonants and each of the vowels can be given a primary weight. This applies diacritical marks used only in the Final Version orthography to vowel rimes which do not appear in that Version, but it does form a complete specification. Since the consonant onsets are uniform in all stages, the list below gives only those forms which occur.

**4.1** Generic ordering accommodating Third Stage Reduced Version and Final Version orthographies:

Vowel rimes:

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 \  \, \forall \, < \, \dot{\forall} \, < \, \dot{\dot{\forall}} \, < \, \dot{\dot{0}} \, < \, \dot{\dot
                                                                                \Lambda < \dot{\Lambda} < \dot{\Lambda} < \dot{\bar{\Lambda}} < \dot{\bar{\Lambda}} < \dot{\bar{\Lambda}} < \dot{\bar{\Lambda}} < \dot{\bar{\Lambda}} < \ddot{\bar{\Lambda}} = \ddot{\bar{\Lambda}} \ddot{\bar{\Lambda}} = \ddot{\bar{\Lambda}} \ddot{\bar{\Lambda}} = \ddot{\bar{\Lambda}} \ddot{\bar{\Lambda}} = \ddot{\bar{\Lambda} \ddot{\bar{\Lambda}} = \ddot{\bar{\Lambda}} \ddot{\bar{\Lambda}} = \ddot{\bar{\Lambda}}
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                                                                                \ddot{U} < \dot{\ddot{U}} < \ddot{\ddot{U}} \sim \ddot{\ddot{U}}
                                                                                     \mathbf{H} < \dot{\mathbf{H}} < \dot{\mathbf{H}} < \dot{\mathbf{H}} < \dot{\mathbf{H}} < \dot{\mathbf{H}} < \dot{\mathbf{H}} < \ddot{\mathbf{H}} < \ddot{\mathbf{H}} < \ddot{\mathbf{U}} < \ddot{\mathbf{U}}
                                                                                \mathbf{H} < \dot{\mathbf{H}} < \ddot{\mathbf{H}} < \ddot{\mathbf{H}}
                                                                                \mathbb{T} < \dot{\mathbb{I}} < \dot{\mathbb{I}}
                                                                                     \mathbb{U} < 
                                                                                 \mathbb{O} < \dot{\mathbb{O}} < \dot{\mathbb{O}
                                                                                 \ddot{\mathbf{J}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} < \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} < \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} < \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}} {\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}} {\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}} {\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}} {\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}} {\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}} {\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}} {\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}} {\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}
                                                                                     \ddot{1} > \dot{1} > 
Consonant onsets:
                                                                                     C < \dot{C} < \dot{C
                                                                                \Pi < \dot{\Pi} < \dot{\Pi
                                                                                 \mbox{$\tt U$} < \mbox{$\dot{\tt U}$} < \mbox{$\dot{\tt U
                                                                                     A < \dot{A} < \dot{A} < M < \dot{M} < \dot{M} < \dot{M} < \dot{M} < \dot{K} < \dot{K} < \dot{K} < \dot{C} <
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This regular ordering accounts for all base letters and diacritic combinations—even those which are never used (unused combinations are underscored). Although CIM SO, CIM KES, CIM KHAV, CIM SUAM, and CIM TAUM are never used with consonant onsets (which is why they are not shown in here), this scheme could just as easily accommodate the sequences  $\hat{\mathbf{C}} < \dot{\mathbf{C}} < \dot{\mathbf{C}$ 

**4.2** Generic ordering accommodating Second Stage Reduced Version orthography. Since all combinations have to be accommodated in the ordering, the previous table has been taken as a base, and only those characters that needed to be moved have been.

Vowel rimes:  $\ddot{\lor} < \lor < \dot{\lor} < \dot{\lor$  $\overline{\Lambda} < \Lambda < \dot{\Lambda} < \dot{\Lambda} < \ddot{\Lambda} < \dot{\Lambda} < \dot{\Lambda$  $\dot{a} = \ddot{a} + \ddot{b} + \ddot{a} + \ddot{b} +$  $> \ddot{\Pi} > \dot{\Pi} > \dot{\Pi} > \ddot{\Pi} > \dot{\Pi} > \ddot{\Pi} > \dot{\Pi} > \dot{\Pi}$  $\dot{U} < \dot{U} < \dot{\dot{U}} <$  $\dot{H}$  <  $\dot{H}$  <  $\dot{\dot{H}}$  <  $\dot{\dot{H}}$  <  $\dot{\dot{H}}$  <  $\dot{\dot{H}}$  <  $\dot{\ddot{\eta}}$  <  $\ddot{\ddot{\eta}}$  <  $\ddot{\ddot{\eta}$ oxdot = (1 + 1) + (2 + $\mathbf{I} < \dot{\mathbf{U}} < \dot{\mathbf{U}}$  $\ddot{\mathbb{U}} < \ddot{\mathbb{U}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbb{U}}} < \ddot{\mathbb{U}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbb{U}}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbb{U}}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbb{U}}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbb{U}}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbb{U}}} < \ddot{\ddot{\mathbb{U}}} < \ddot{\mathbb{U}} < \ddot{\ddot{\mathbb{U}}} < \ddot{\ddot{\mathbb{U}}} < \ddot{\mathbb{U}} = \ddot{\mathbb{U}} \sim \ddot{\mathbb{U}} = \ddot{\mathbb{U}} = \ddot{\mathbb{U}} = \ddot{\mathbb{U}} = \ddot{\mathbb{U$  $\ddot{\mathbf{J}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} < \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} < \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} < \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} < \dot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} < \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}} \ddot{\mathbf{J}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}} {\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}} {\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{J}}} = \ddot{\ddot{\mathbf{$  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}$  $\dot{\textbf{t}} < \textbf{T} < \dot{\textbf{t}} < \dot{\textbf{t}} < \dot{\textbf{t}} < \dot{\textbf{t}} < \dot{\textbf{t}} < \ddot{\textbf{t}} < \ddot{\textbf{J}} < \ddot{\textbf{J}}$  $\ddot{U} > \dot{U} >$ Consonant onsets:  $C < \dot{C} < \dot{C$  $\ddot{\mathbb{I}} < \dot{\mathbb{I}} < \dot{\mathbb{I}} < \ddot{\mathbb{I}} < \ddot{\mathbb{I}} < \dot{\mathbb{I}} < \dot{\mathbb{$  $A < \dot{A} < \dot{A} < \dot{M} < \dot{M} < \dot{M} < \dot{M} < \dot{M} < \dot{K} < \dot{K} < \dot{K} < \dot{C} < \dot{C$ Notice that  $\dot{\mathbf{D}}$  dlhau is also found.

It should also be noted that there are two schemes for the ordering of the vowel rimes in the Second Stage Reduced Version, and no standard order for the consonant onsets. Taking only the base characters, we find:

**4.3.1** Vowel rime order in Smalley 1990, www.pahauhhmong.org/yublas.html, Lee Nao Long 2001, Chia Koua Vang 2002

**4.3.2** Vowel rime order in www.cwjmemhmong.info/vowels.html

**4.4.1** Consonant onset order in Lee Nao Long et al. 2001

C N A V IN IT W E H IT U U U H H H H A M M K G

**4.4.2** Consonant onset order in Smalley et al. 1990

C N A V M K 4 H H M M H U U E I A I W U

**4.4.3** Consonant onset order in www.pahauhhmong.org/yublas.html

C N I A V IN H U W Y H H U E M A M K II G

**4.4.4** Consonant onset order in www.cwjmemhmong.info/vowels.html

C N IN H K H E F A M F W H A H M F V M G

4.4.5 Consonant onset order in Chia Koua Vang 2002

U K  $\mathbb{U}$  $\mathbf{I}$  $\Pi$ A C M Э A  $\mathbb{H}$ 4 n U Н M А Ε Ū

In the code charts, the order of characters follows 5.3.1 and 5.4.1 above.

# **5.0 Character names.** The chief problem in encoding Pahawh Hmong involves what to name the vowel rimes, because the values given to the base letters in the Second Stage Reduced Version and the Third Stage Reduced Version are not compatible. The table to the right here shows the problem: the expected order is the order of the tones (left to right then top to bottom), regardless of the shape of the glyphs. The black glyphs in the table here (without diacritics) should be the source names for the characters.

In the code chart below, the names used are Third Stage Reduced Version names based on the regular paradigm.

# Second Stage Reduced Version vowel rimes:

🦁 kéŋ	V kẹŋ	🏻 kęŋ	<b>℧</b> kêŋ	🔽 kěŋ	٦ keŋ	ᄀ kèŋ	🕽 keŋ
<u></u> kí	<b>l</b> kį	<mark>Å</mark> kį	<b>Å</b> kî	<b>⊼</b> kĭ	И ki	Å kì	<mark>Л</mark> ķі
П≀káu	П kạu	🐧 kau	🛱 kâu	🗖 kău	🛭 kau	🛈 kàu	🗖 kạu
Ů1 kú	UI kụ	Ŭ kụ	Ül kû	<mark>Ū</mark> kǔ	Πku	Γİkù	Π̄ kụ
Ü ké	Ů kẹ	Ů kę	🗓 kê	Нkě	Н ke	Ħ kè	Ħ ke
Ĥ kái	H kại	<mark>H</mark> kại	<b>H</b> kâi	<del>Ī</del> kǎi	U kai	ឋា kài	🗓 kại
Ы kóŋ	<b>Ӹ</b> kọŋ	<u>Ľ</u> kọŋ	🗓 kôŋ	IJ kŏŋ	₿ koŋ	🗓 kòŋ	Ü kọŋ
Π káw	П kạw	<mark>Й</mark> kąw	₫ kâw	İİ kăw	U kaw	<b>Ů</b> kàw	🗓 kạw
ÏÜ kúa	ГU kụa	ľ kua	ľ <b>U</b> kûa	∏ kŭa	W kua	<mark>Ѿ</mark> kùa	₩ kụa
Ů kό	$\Pi$ $k o$	Ů kǫ	П kô	Ü kŏ	Ůl ko	<del>Ŭ</del> I kò	UI kọ
IJ kía	Ů kịa	<u>Ů</u> kja	<b>Ü</b> kîa	<del>IJ</del> kĭa	<b>∆</b> kia	<b>Å</b> kìa	🐧 kịa
🗇 ká	٦ kạ	🖒 kạ	🗇 kâ	ľ kǎ	Ů ka	Ū kà	<b>Ü</b> kạ
τ kw	Lk w	ṫ kw	Ūkŵ	Лkwĭ	₫ kw	₫ kẁ	Ïl k₩
🚺 káa	II kạa	l'i kaa	<b>I</b> Ō kâa	I <b>ľ</b> kǎa	I <b>Ů</b> kaa	<mark>I</mark> Ū kàa	I <b>Ü</b> kạa

# Third Stage Reduced Version vowel rimes:

<b>V</b> kéŋ	<b>V</b> kẹŋ	<b>V</b> kęŋ	<b>∇</b> kêŋ	了 <i>kě</i> ŋ	i keŋ	🖥 kèŋ	🗓 keŋ
<b>l</b> kí	<b>Å</b> kị	<mark>Å</mark> kji	<u></u> kî	И kĭ	Й ki	Л kì	Йki
Πkáu	🗅 kạu	🖒 kau	🗖 kâu	🛭 kău	🛈 kau	🗖 kàu	Ö kau
UI kú	<b>Ü</b> l kụ	℧ kụ	<mark>Ū</mark> kû	Πkŭ	Π̈́ku	Π̄ kù	Π̈́ ku
U ké	Ü ke	Ľ kę	🗓 kê	Нkě	Н ke	Ħ kè	₿ ke
H kái	Н kại	<b>H</b> kại	<del>Ī</del> kâi	U kăi	Ů kai	<mark>ហ</mark> kài	🗓 kai
Ы kóŋ	<b>Ӹ</b> kọŋ	<u>Ľ</u> kọŋ	🗓 kôŋ	IJ kŏŋ	₿ koŋ	🗓 kòŋ	Ü koŋ
Πkáw	П kaw	Ϊ kạw	∏ kâw	U kăw	₩ kaw	🗓 kàw	<b>Ü</b> kaw
ГU kúa	ľ <b>Ú</b> kụa	ľ kua	🗓 kûa	W kŭa	₩ kua	<u>Ѿ</u> kùa	₩ kua
$\Pi$ $k$ ó	Ů kọ	Ůkο	П kô	UI kŏ	ŮI ko	<del>Ū</del> I kò	Ül ko
IJ kía	<b>Ü</b> kịa	<u>Ů</u> kia	<del>IJ</del> kîa	<b>∆</b> kĭa	Å kia	₫ kìa	<mark>Ä</mark> kia
٦ká	ាំ kạ	¹ ka	🗖 kâ	ľ kǎ	<b>じ</b> ka	<mark>ľ</mark> kà	<b>Ü</b> ka
Γkẃ	t kw	t kw	Ū kŵ	Лkӂ	₫ kw	<mark>∏</mark> kẁ	Ïl kw
I káa	I kạa	<b>I</b> ⊓ kaa	<mark>I</mark> ¬ kâa	I <b>Ư</b> kǎa	I <b>Ľ</b> kaa	<mark>I</mark> Ū kàa	I <b>Ü</b> kaa

### Final Version vowel rimes:

V kéŋ	<b>℧</b> kẹŋ	<b>℧</b> keŋ	<b>∇</b> kêŋ	Ŷ kěŋ	<b>℧</b> keŋ	<b>℧</b> kèŋ	Ÿ keŋ
Λkí	<b>Å</b> kį	<b>Å</b> kį	<u></u> kî	kĭ	<b>∴</b> ki	ᢜ kì	<b>Ä</b> ki
Πkáu	🗅 kạu	🖒 kau	🗖 kâu	П̂ kǎu	🗖 kau	🗖 kàu	🗓 kau
UI kú	<b>Ü</b> l kụ	Ŭ kụ	<mark>Ū</mark> kû	Ûl kŭ	℧ ku	℧ kù	Ü ku
U ké	Ů kẹ	<u>Ů</u> ke	🗓 kê	Û kě	🗓 ke	🗓 kè	Ü ke
H kái	H kại	<mark>H</mark> kai	<del>H</del> kâi	Ĥ kǎi	<b>Ḥ</b> kai	Ħ kài	<b>Ä</b> kai
Ыkóŋ	Ľ kọŋ	Ľ kọŋ	<u> </u> Ы kôŋ	Ĥ kŏŋ	🗓 koŋ	<b>Ľ</b> i kòŋ	🗓 koŋ
Πkáw	ћ kaw	<mark>Ϊ</mark> kaw	∏ kâw	Π̂ kǎw	π≀ kaw	ћ kàw	İİ kaw
ГU kúa	ľ <b>Ú</b> kụa	<mark>ľ</mark> J kya	Ū kûa	ſŨ kŭa	Ů kua	rŪ kùa	İÜ kua
Πkó	Ůkọ	Ů kọ	П kô	Ŵ kŏ	Π̈́ ko	Ďιkò	Ü ko
IJ kía	<b>Ü</b> kịa	<u>Ů</u> kja	<mark>J</mark> J kîa	Û kĭa	<b>Ü</b> kia	<b>Ů</b> kìa	<b>Ü</b> kia
7 ká	Ġkạ	ាំ ka	🕽 kâ	Ĵkǎ	ាំ ka	<b>່</b> a kà	🕽 ka
Ūkẃ	t kw	t kw	Ū kŵ	Û kw	<b>Ե</b> kw	τ̈́ kẁ	Ϊ kw
I káa	I kaa	I kaa	IŌ kâa	IĴ kǎa	I kaa	I kàa	I'i kaa

### **5.1 Resolving the Vowel Rime Names**

For the Second Stage Reduced Version and Third State Reduced Version vowel rimes, whose names would be most accepted and used by the communities, the vowel rime names derived from the tables shown above would be:

Glyph	Second	Third
V	keem	keeb
J	kee	keev
٨	kim	kib
Ж	ki	kiv
U	kaum	kaub
Ø	kau	kauv
U	kum	kub
n	ke	kuv
ប	kem	keb
H	kev	kev
Н	kaim	kaib
ហ	kai	kaiv
FI	koob	koob
U	koov	koov
π	kawb	kawb
ប	kaw	kawv
U	kuam	kuab
W	kua	kuav
$\Box$	kom	kob
UI	kog	kov
IJ	kiab	kiab
٨	kia	kiav
J	kam	kab
ľ	kav	kav
τ	kwm	kwb
Л	kwv	kwv
IJ	kaam	kaab
IU	kaav	kaav

Where these vowel rime names are identical, they are simply used as the name for the corresponding character in the code chart. Where they are not identical (identical ones are *italicized* above), a choice has to be made for the encoded character name, and the proposed choice is to use the Third Stage Reduced Version names in those cases, for consistency. In all cases, where the Second Stage and Third Stage names differ, the Second Stage name is added to the code chart as an alias, so that users of either system can easily find names appropriate to their usage.

Note that while the spellings of these vowel rimes in Latin letters is rather different, the differences are in the final letters, which transcribe the tones for the syllables. So the actual difference in the syllables used to represent the names is just in the tones used for them.

### 6. Unicode Character Properties.

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16B00; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KEEB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B01; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KEEV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B02; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KIB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B03; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KIV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B04; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAUB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B05; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAUV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B06; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KUB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B07; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KUV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B08; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KEB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B09; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KEV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B0A; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAIB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B0B; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAIV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B0C; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KOOB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B0D; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KOOV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B0E; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAWB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B0F; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAWV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B10; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KUAB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B11; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KUAV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B12; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KOB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B13; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KOV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B14; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KIAB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B15; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KIAV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B16; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B17; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B18; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KWB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B19; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KWV; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B1A; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAAB; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B1B; PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAAV; Lo; 0; L;;;; N;;;;
16B1C; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT VAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B1D; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NKAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B1E; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT XAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B1F; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT CAU; Lo; 0; L;;;; N;;;;
16B20; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT LAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B21; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT HAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B22; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT YAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B23; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT QHAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B24; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT RAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B25; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT MAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B26; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B27; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NLAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B28; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT HLAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B29; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT HNAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B2A; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT CHAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B2B; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NCHAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B2C; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT PLHAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B2D; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NTHAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B2E; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NTSAU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B2F; PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT AU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B30; PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM TUB; Mn; 230; NSM;;;;; N;;;;;
16B31; PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM SO; Mn; 230; NSM; ;; ;; N; ;; ;;
16B32; PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM KES; Mn; 230; NSM;;;;; N;;;;
16B33; PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM KHAV; Mn; 230; NSM;;;;; N;;;;
16B34; PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM SUAM; Mn; 230; NSM; 16B32 16B30;;;; N;;;;;
16B35;PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM HOM;Mn;230;NSM;16B32 16B31;;;;N;;;;
16B36; PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM TAUM; Mn; 230; NSM;;;;;N;;;;
16B37; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS THOM; Po; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B38; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS TSHAB CEEB; PO; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B39; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS SEEV; Lm; 0; L;;;; N;;;;
16B3A; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS NRUA; Lm; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B3B; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS THIAB; Po; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B3C; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS FEEM; Po; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B40; PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT ZERO; Nd;0;L;;0;0;0;N;;;;;
16B41; PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT ONE; Nd;0;L;;1;1;1;N;;;;
16B42; PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT TWO; Nd;0;L;;2;2;2;N;;;;
16B43; PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT THREE; Nd; 0; L;; 3; 3; 3; N;;;;; 16B44; PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT FOUR; Nd; 0; L;; 4; 4; 4; N;;;;
16B45; PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT FIVE; Nd; 0; L; ; 5; 5; 5; N; ; ; ; ;
16B46; PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT SIX; Nd; 0; L;; 6; 6; 6; N;;;;;
16B47; PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT SEVEN; Nd; 0; L;; 7; 7; 7; N;;;;;
16B48; PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT EIGHT; Nd; 0; L;; 8; 8; 8; N;;;;;
16B49; PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT NINE; Nd; 0; L; ; 9; 9; 9; N; ; ; ;
16B4A; PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER TENS; No; 0; L;;;; 10; N;;;;
16B4B; PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER HUNDREDS; No; 0; L;;;; 100; N;;;;;
16B4C; PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER TEN THOUSANDS; No; 0; L;;;; 10000; N;;;;;
16B4D; PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER MILLIONS; No; 0; L;;;; 1000000; N;;;;;
16B4E; PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER THOUSAND MILLIONS; No; 0; L;;;; 100000000; N;;;;;
16B4F; PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER TEN THOUSAND MILLIONS; No; 0; L;;;; 10000000000; N;;;;;
16B50; PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER BILLIONS; No; 0; L;;;; 100000000000; N;;;;;
16B51; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS LUB; Lm; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B52; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN XYOO; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B53; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN HLI; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B54; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN ZWJ THAJ; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B55; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN HNUB; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B56; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN NTUJ; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B57; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN XYEEM NTXIV; Sm; 0; ES;;;;; N;;;;
16B58; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN XYEEM RHO; Sm; 0; ES;;;;; N;;;;;
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16B59; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN XYEEM TOV; Sm; 0; ES;;;;; N;;;;
16B5A; PAHAWH HMONG SIGN XYEEM FAIB; Sm; 0; ES;;;; N;;;;
16B60; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN YEEG; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B61; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN LIS; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B62; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN LAUJ; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B63; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN XYOOJ; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B64; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN HAWJ; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B65; PAHAWH HMONG
                    CLAN SIGN MUAS; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B66; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN THOJ; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B67; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN TSAB; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B68; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN KHAB; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B69; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN HAM; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
16B6A; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN VAJ; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B6B; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN YAJ; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B6C; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN KWM; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B6D; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN VWJ; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B6E; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN TSHEEJ; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B6F; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN KOO; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B70; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN FAJ; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
16B71; PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN TSWB; So; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
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**7. Unicode Linebreaking Properties.** The vowel rimes and consonant onsets 16B00..16B2F behave like letters. The marks 16B30..16B36 behave like combining diacritics. The punctuation marks 16B37..16B38 behave like? and! respectively. The characters 16B39..16B3A behave like letters. The punctuation marks 16B3B..16B3C behave like & and % respectively. The digits and numbers 16B40..16B50 behave like numerals. The logographs 16B51..16B56 behave like letters. The arithmetical symbols 16B57..16B5A behave like +, -, ×, and ÷ respectively. The clan signs 16B60..16B71 behave like letters.

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	16B0	16B1	16B2	16B3	16B4	16B5	16B6	16B7
0	<b>V</b>	<b>TU</b>	16B20	16B30	16B40	]  <b>F</b>	16B60	16B70
1	16801		16B21	▼ 16B31		<b>1</b> 6851		
2	V	n	$\mathbb{U}$	_	3	5	Ε	10001
3	16B02	16B12	16B22	16B32	16B42	16B52	16B62	
4	16B03	16B13	16B23	16B33 <u>•</u>	16B43	16B53	16B63	
5	16B04	16B14	16B24	16B34 <b>▼</b>	16B44 <b>3</b>	16B54	16B64	
	16B05	16B15	16B25	16B35	16B45	16B55	16B65	
6	16B06	16B16	16B26	16B36	16B46	16B56	16B66	
7	16B07	16B17	16B27	16B37	16B47	16B57	16867	
8	16B08	<b>T</b>	<b>4</b>	16B38	K 16B48	16B58	16B68	
9	H 16B09	<b>J</b>	<b>H</b>	16B39	K 16B49	16B59	16B69	
Α	H 16B0A	16B1A	<b>H</b>	<b>1</b> 6B3A	I 16B4A	16B5A	16B6A	
В	<b>U</b> 16B0B	<b>I</b> C 16B1B	<b>A</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Ж</b>		16B6B	
С	H	C	M	7	$\mathfrak{H}$		Ť	
D	16B0C	16B1C	16B2C	16B3C	16B4C		16B6C	
E	16B0D	16B1D	16B2D		16B4D		16B6D	
F	16B0E	16B1E	16B2E		16B4E		16B6E	
r	16B0F	<b>Y</b> 16B1F	16B2F		<b>∦ 1</b> 16B4F		16B6F	

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The character names used for Pahawh Hmong follow the Third Stage Reduced Version orthography. Annotations give the character names in the Second Stage Reduced Version orthography.

#### **Vowel rimes**

16B00	V	PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KEEB
		= keem

- ¬ PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KEEV
- 16B02 **№** PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KIB = kim
- 16B03 汎 PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KIV = ki
- 16B04 \( \Omega \) PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAUB = kaum
- Ø PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAUV 16B05 = kau
- 16B06 U PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KUB = kum
- Π PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KUV 16B07
- 16B08 U PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KEB = kem
- 16B09 H PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KEV 16B0A H PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAIB
- 16B0B U PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAIV

= kaim

= kaw

- 16B0C LI PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KOOB
- 16B0D & PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KOOV
- 16B0E 
   PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAWB 16B0F U PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAWV
- 16B10 IU PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KUAB = kuam
- 16B11 **W** PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KUAV = kua
- = kom
- 16B13 UT PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KOV = kog
- 16B14 JJ PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KIAB
- **Λ** PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KIAV 16B15 = kia
- 16B16 **7** PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAB
- 16B17 U PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAV
- 16B18 T PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KWB = kwm
- 16B19 J PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KWV
- 16B1A I PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAAB = kaam
- 16B1B IU PAHAWH HMONG VOWEL KAAV

## **Consonant onsets**

- 16B1C C PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT VAU
- 16B1D 11 PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NKAU
- 16B1E A PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT XAU
- A PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT CAU 16B1F
- 16B20 □ PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT LAU
- 16B21 IT PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT HAU

- 16B22 U PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT YAU
- 16B23 **E** PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT QHAU
- 16B24 **U** PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT RAU
- 16B25 If PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT MAU
- 16B26 U PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NAU
- 16B27 **U** PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NLAU
- 16B28 4 PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT HLAU
- 16B29 H PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT HNAU
- 16B2A
- 31 PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT CHAU
- 16B2B А PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NCHAU
- 16B2C **M** PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT PLHAU
- 16B2D M PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NTHAU
- 16B2E K PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT NTSAU
- 16B2F **U** PAHAWH HMONG CONSONANT AU

### Combining diacritical marks

- 16B30 PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM TUB
- 16B31 PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM SO
- 16B32 PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM KES
- 16B33 PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM KHAV
- 16B34 PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM SUAM
- 16B35 PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM HOM
- 16B36 PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM TAUM

### **Punctuation**

- 16B37 ♣ PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS THOM = question mark
- 16B38 PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS TSHAB CEEB = exclamation mark
- PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS SEEV 16B39
- = chanting intonation
- 16B3A ₱ PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS NRUA = reduplication
- 16B3B & PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS THIAB = ampersand
- 16B3C 7 PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS FEEM = percent sign

### **Digits**

- 16B40 D PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT ZERO
- 16R41 PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT ONE
- 16B42 3 PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT TWO
- 16B43 e PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT THREE
- 16B44 か PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT FOUR
- 16B45 З. PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT FIVE ľ
- 16B46 PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT SIX
- PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT SEVEN 16R47
- 16B48 K PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT EIGHT
- 16B49 K PAHAWH HMONG DIGIT NINE

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- 16R4A I PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER TENS
- 16B4B И PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER HUNDREDS
- 16B4C PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER TEN THOUSANDS
- 16B4D JJ PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER MILLIONS
- 16B4E **◊** PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER HUNDRED MILLIONS = billions
- 16B4F 1 PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER TEN THOUSAND MILLIONS

= ten billions

16B50 | F PAHAWH HMONG NUMBER BILLIONS = trillions

## Logographs

- 16B51 Y PAHAWH HMONG SIGN VOS LUB = classifier
- 16B52 5 PAHAWH HMONG SIGN XYOO

= year

= month

16B54 D PAHAWH HMONG SIGN ZWJ THAJ

= date

16B55 I PAHAWH HMONG SIGN HNUB

= day

16B56 T PAHAWH HMONG SIGN NTUJ

= season

## **Arithmetical symbols**

- 16B57 d PAHAWH HMONG SIGN XYEEM NTXIV = plus sign
- 16B58 7 PAHAWH HMONG SIGN XYEEM RHO = minus sign
- 16B59 → PAHAWH HMONG SIGN XYEEM TOV = multiplication sign
- 16B5A ► PAHAWH HMONG SIGN XYEEM FAIB = division sign

### Logographs for clan names

- 16B61 XK PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN LIS
- = Lee 16B62 国 PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN LAUJ
- = Lor
- 16B63 

  ★ PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN XYOOJ = Xiong
- 16B64 II PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN HAWJ

- 16B67 ♀ PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN TSAB = Chang
- 16B68 ITI PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN KHAB = Khang
- 16B69 THE PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN HAM = Hang
- 16B6A 🖾 PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN VAJ = Vang
- 16B6B ♥ PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN YAJ = Yang
- 16B6C H PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN KWM = Kw
- 16B6D ¥ PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN VWJ = Vue
- 16B6E ♣ PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN TSHEEJ = Cheng
- 16B6F ☐ PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN KOO = Kong
- 16B70 D PAHAWH HMONG CLAN SIGN FAJ = Fang

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## Figures.

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TABLE 57.1: 104 Rime (vowel-tone) Symbols of the Third Stage Pahawh Hmong with Romanized Popular Alphabet Equivalents

	–́ high level	– low glottalize	- low	-^ high falling	∸ mid rising	– mid level	∸ low level	∴ falling- breathy
[1	9	ÿ	<b>v</b>	ÿ ÿ	7 <i>131118</i>	i i	<u> </u>	ä
[εŋ]	keeb	keem	keed	keej	keev	kee	kees	keeg
r:n	A.	À	Å	Ā	n	i	ā.	Ä.
[i]	kib	kim	kid	kij	kiv	ki	kis	kig
[au]	<b>a</b>	ត់	ė	 ā	ឲ	ធ់	ធ	ä
[auj	kaub	kaum	kaud	kauj	kauv	kau	kaus	kaug
[u]	и	ர் ப்	ர் ப்	ហ៊	u	Ņ	ū	ü
լսյ	kub	kum	kud	kuj	kuv	ku	kus	kug
[e]	ย	ė	Ů	ē	н	н	Ĥ	Ä
[C]	keb	kem	ked	kej	kev	ke	kes	keg
[ai]	Н	н	н	<del>й</del>	ហ	ຫ່	<u></u>	ΰ
رما	kaib	kaim	kaid	kaij	kaiv	kai	kais	kaig
[ɔŋ]	ㅂ	Ė	Ė	Ē	W	ώ	ធ	ü
[OIJ]	koob	koom	kood	kooj	koov	koo	koos	koog
[aɨ]	π	π	π	π	w	ம்	ធ	ü
[ur]	kawb	kawm	kawd	kawj	kawv	kaw	kaws	kawg
[ua]	N	ιὑ	ιὑ	rī	w	ώ	ū	Ü
[uu]	kuab	kuam	kuad	kuaj	kuav	kua	kuas	kuag
[ɔ]	Ø	<b>ர்</b>	<b>ம்</b>	ō <sup>*</sup>	UI	ĊΙ	<del>ប៊</del>	Ü
[-]	kob	kom	kod	koj	kov	ko	kos	kog
[ia]	n	ù	ù	์ นิ	a	À	ā	ä
	kiab	kiam	kiad	kiaj	kiav	kia	kias	kiag
[a]	Э	ġ	ė	๋อ	ľ	Ϋ́	Ü	ΰ
	kab	kam	kad	kaj	kav	ka	kas	kag
[ <del>i</del> ]	ፔ	τ̈	τ̈́	Ī.	រា	វ៉ា	ភា	Ï
	kwb	kwm	kwd	kwj	kwv	kw	kws	kwg

combination). In this version, illustrated here, the rime symbols are developing unique associations with vowel qualities, while the rime diacritics are developing unique associations with tonal values. This line of development is fully realized in the last version of Pahawh Hmong which Shong Lue Yang created shortly before his death: in this Final Version (āk ār bhajhauj Txha [pʰâ hâu tsʰa] 'core Pahawh'), each vowel quality is associated with one symbol, and each tone with one diacritic. However, the Final Version is not used by supporters of the Pahawh; although more linguistically advanced, it is not as important culturally, and is reserved for note-taking.

The onset and rime elements of each syllable are written in reverse order from the way they are pronounced, that is, rime—onset, although the monosyllabic morphemes themselves are written from left to right across the page. Spaces are used to separate morphemes, which are thus typically represented by pairs of symbols.

**Figure 1a.** Chart of Third Stage Revised Version vowel rimes from Ratliff 1996.

TABLE 57.2: Sixty Onset (consonant) Symbols of the Third Stage Pahawh Hmong with Romanized Popular Alphabet Equivalents

C	[v-]	Ċ	[ղլ-]	Ċ	[f-]
/au		nrau		fau	
n	[ŋk-]	'n	[nts-]	ń	[tʰ-]
nkau		ntxau		rhau	
A	[s-]	À	[?-]	Ā	[n-]
xau		au		nyau	
٧	[c-]	Ÿ	[ntʃʰ-]	❖	[ts-]
cau		ntshau		txau	
ហ	[1-]	ம்	[?d-]	ហំ	[?dʰ-]
lau		dau		dhau	
K	[nʧ-]	Ķ	[tʃ-]	ķ	[p <sup>h</sup> -]
ntsau	- <del>-</del>	tsau		phau	
4	[ <sup>h</sup> 1-]	ů	[3-]	ů	[nts <sup>h</sup> -]
hlau		zau		ntxhau	
Н	[t-]	Ė	[mp <sup>h</sup> -]	ė	[mp <sup>h</sup> l-]
rau		nphau	-	nphlau	
н	[hn-]	Ĥ	[k <sup>h</sup> -]	Й.	[nt-]
hnau	. ,	khau		ntau	
m	[p <sup>h</sup> l-]	ṁ	[ʧʰ-]	Μ̈́	[p-]
n plhau	ri - 1	tshau	-	pau	
M	[nt <sup>h</sup> -]	М	[mpl-]	Й	[ŋkʰ-]
nthau		nplau	_	nkhau	
Э	[c <sup>h</sup> -]	э́н	[ç-]	វា	[t-]
chau	ξ. ,	xyau	-	tau	
U	[n-]	ΰ	[NQ-]	ΰ	$[Nq^h-]$
nau	. ,	nqau	-	nqhau	
<b>U</b>	[ml-]	Ġ.	[ʰml-]	Ů	[ŋ-]
nlau	L 3	hnlau	_	gau	
E	$[q^h-]$	Ė	[ʰɲ-]	Ė	[hm-]
qhau	.1 ,	nyhau	3 -	hmau	
IP	[h-]	ĺr	[tʰ-]	π̈́	[pl-]
hau	E 1	thau		plau	
A	[nc <sup>h</sup> -]	À	[ntʰ-]	å	[mp-]
nchau	Ú 1	nrhau		npau	
R	[m-]	Ŕ	[ts <sup>h</sup> -]	Ŕ	[q-]
mau	[ ]	txhau	-	qau	
w	[j-]	ய்	[nc-]	<b>យ</b> ៉	[ʃ-]
yau	ιΩ	ncau	~ .	sau	
<sub>G</sub>	Ø	Ċ	[ndl-]	Ċ	[nd <sup>h</sup> l-]
'au	,	ndlau	. ,	ndlhau	_

Figure 1b. Chart of consonant onsets from Ratliff 1996.

		ហ់	ที่ดิ ในท่	ψ'n			Ū	ក់តែ ឈ	rŵn
᠅	$\Diamond$	÷	ō	3	j	ā	G	Ġ	Ġ
Ā	ه	j	Ë	п	'n	ā	n	'n	'n
ര്	ര	ര്	ō	ത	ல்	ดิ	Α	À	Ā
ហ៎	И	ហ៊	ហ៊	Н	Η̈́	ħ	$\forall$	$\dot{\forall}$	Å
j	J	J	Ы	Ė	Ē	Ë	П	ហ	ហ្វ
$\dot{\mathcal{W}}$	$\mathcal{H}$	Ÿ	$\bar{\forall}$	ព្រ	ូំ	ភ	По	יוֹי	ΐr
Ы	ப்	Ē	<b>W</b>	Ŵ	Ū	Ü	ឃឹ	ய்	พี่
П	т̀	ū	Ϊ	щ	ழ்	Ψ̈	E	Ė	Ė
Ü	П	ίŪ	īu	W	Ū	ü	$\forall$	Ė	Ė
ត់	ด	ดิ	ត់	ખ	ษิ	ы	ľ	ņ	ή̈
Ŋ	ů	ü	ū	ব	ब	<u> 4</u>	U	ប់	ប៉
ā	9	ė	ሆ	ن	<mark></mark> ច	<del>រ</del> ៉	UF	ŗ	ប៊ំ
t	τ	Ī	ਹੀ	ਹੀ	ਹੀ	ਹੀ	Ц	ц	ΰ
							н	Å	Å
							Э	ઝં	ਮੰ
							А	ė	Ā
							m	ṁ	π̈́
							Μ	M	Å
							K	Ķ	ĸ

**Figure 2.** Chart of Second Stage Revised Version vowel rimes and consonant onsets from Lee Nao Long *et al.* 2001.

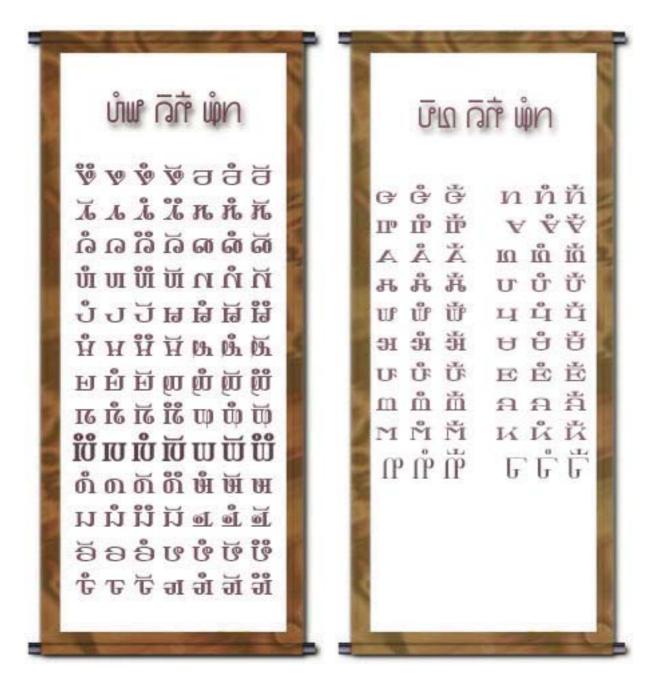


Figure 3. Chart of Second Stage Revised Version vowel rimes and consonant onsets from http://www.pahauhhmong.org/. Notice the glyph shapes of the diacritics in both the monoline font at the top and the more decorative font below. Compare these with the glyphs in the code chart. The shape of U+16B30 PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM TUB (literally 'son mark') and U+16B36 PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM TAUM ('beans mark') have hollow forms here, but are filled in other font styles. Similarly, the horizontal bar in U+16B32 PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM KES ('line mark') and U+16B35 PAHAWH HMONG MARK CIM HOM ('kind mark') has a distinctive shape in the decorative font.

The Pahawh Hmong diacritics were devised by Shong Lue Yang in isolation, and have no genetic relation to similar-looking punctuation in the European tradition (DOT ABOVE, DIAERESIS, MACRON). Since it can also typically take shapes which are different from the typical shapes that European punctuation has, it would be inappropriate to attempt to unify Pahawh Hmong diacritics with characters in the General Punctuation mark. (Similar arguments were given for N'Ko diacritics.)

 Keeb	9 Keem	) Keed	j keej	) Keev	7 Kee	Kees	Keeg
Ü	N	N	N	N	W	W	W
Kuab	Kuam	Kuad	Kuaj	Kuav	Kua	Kuas	Kuag
U Kiab	U Kiam	U Kiad	j Kiaj	Ū Kiav	O Kia	6 Kias	G Kiag
/b	A	Å	Å	h	16	fi	H
Kib		Kid	Kij	Kiv	Ki	Kis	Kig
Ú Kub	∬ Kum	∬ Kud	∬ Kuj	∬ Kuv	[] Ku	Kus	Kug
6	6	6	6	6	ко	H	H
Kob	Kom	Kod	Koj	Kov	Ĥ		Kog
Tb	h	Tb	Tb	To	U	LĴ	W
Kawb	Kawm	Kawd	Kawj	Kawv	Kaw	Kaws	Kawg
₩	W	W	₩	W	U)	U)	U∏
Kaib	Kaim	Kaid	Kaij	Kaiv	Kai	Kais	Kaig
i Kaub	G Kaum	Raud	i. Kauj	Kauv	O Kau	6 Kaus	O Kaug
o Keb	U Kem	Ked	U Kej	H	H Ke	H Kes	H Keg
Ġ	G	G	G	JI	d	T	T
Kwb	Kwm	Kwd	Kwj	KWV	Kw	Kws	Kwg
a	a	Ö	ð	U	Ú	U	Ŭ
Kab	Kwm	Kad	Kaj	Kav	Ka	Kas	Kag
Koop	E Koom	Kood	U Kooj	U Koov	W Koo	Woos	W Koog
la	10	10	lð	[[]	IÚ	IU	IÜ
Kaab	Kaam	Kaad	Kaaj	Kaav	Kaa	Kaas	Kaag

**Figure 4a.** Chart of Second Stage Revised Version vowel rimes from http://www.cwjmemhmong.info/.



**Figure 4b.** Chart of Second Stage Revised Version consonant onsets from http://www.cwjmemhmong.info/.

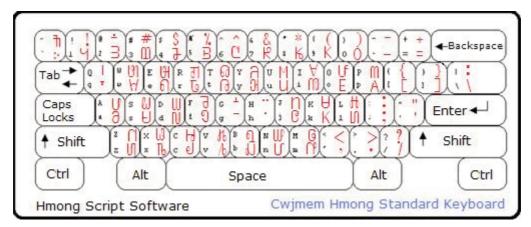


Figure 5a. Keyboard layout from hmongscript.cwjmemhmong.info.

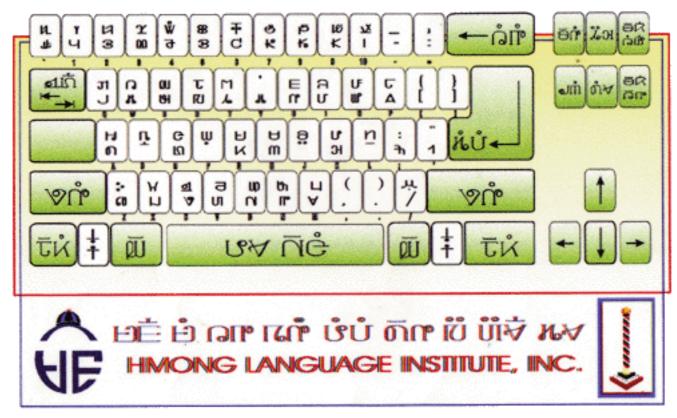
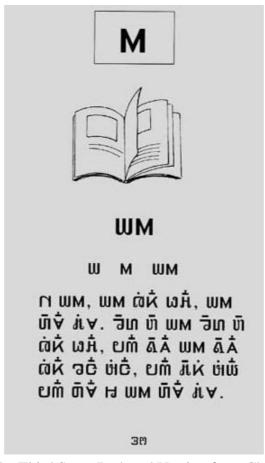


Figure 5b. Keyboard layout from www.pahauhhmong.org.



**Figure 6.** On the left, vowel rimes, on the right, consonant onsets, in the Third Stage Reduced Version from Chia Koua Vang's 2002 *Hmong Language: Second Grade*.



**Figure 7.** A page of text in the Third Stage Reduced Version from Chia Koua Vang's 2002 *Hmong Language: Second Grade*.



**司亡** (vē) Ч. ซ๋ơ, àv, ฉ๋v̄, wín, ūk, ӹk, พ́E, ä, üv, ӹk. З. เมิ่ บักี้ บัก๋ ป ล.พ. ษ์เช้.

- निए प नेंट प्रांसे प ति । तारी.

- บั จิห ค่เมื่ สห่ เบริ ธิต ถึง ก่เก เบ็ล บัเก. สิล หเก บิล ดัล เล็บ ดัเก. ถิ พิกิ ถึบ อิกิ ถิลิ เม่น์.

司以 (ziri) Will ak.

ال (كفَ) كِن اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلِي عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَّى اللّهُ عَلَّا عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَّا عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَّا عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى

ਰਿਹੰ (ਤਾਰੰ) ч. ຫ່າ ຫ່າ, ຈີກ ຫ່າ, ວັສ້ ຫ່າ. з. ພລ ຫ່າ ພິ ຫ້າ ຫ້າ. ത. बेर ພ່າກ ກ່າງ ຫ່າ นี่ส้ ພວກ.

- NUH AC WA VA 711 UM.

Figure 8. A page of text from a Second Stage Reduced Version dictionary (no bibliographic details).

#### A. Administrative

1. Title

#### Preliminary proposal for encoding the Pahawh Hmong script in the UCS

Requester's name

#### UC Berkeley Script Encoding Initiative (Universal Scripts Project)

3. Requester type (Member body/Liaison/Individual contribution)

#### Liaison contribution.

4. Submission date

#### 2009-08-05

- 5. Requester's reference (if applicable)
- 6. Choose one of the following:

6a. This is a complete proposal

No.

6b. More information will be provided later

Yes.

### B. Technical - General

1. Choose one of the following:

1a. This proposal is for a new script (set of characters)

Ves

1b. Proposed name of script

#### Pahawh Hmong.

1c. The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block

No.

1d. Name of the existing block

2. Number of characters in proposal

106

3. Proposed category (A-Contemporary; B.1-Specialized (small collection); B.2-Specialized (large collection); C-Major extinct; D-Attested extinct; E-Minor extinct; F-Archaic Hieroglyphic or Ideographic; G-Obscure or questionable usage symbols)

#### Category A.

4a. Is a repertoire including character names provided?

Yes.

4b. If YES, are the names in accordance with the "character naming guidelines" in Annex L of P&P document?

Yes.

4c. Are the character shapes attached in a legible form suitable for review?

Yes

5a. Who will provide the appropriate computerized font (ordered preference: True Type, or PostScript format) for publishing the standard?

### Michael Everson and Jason Glavy

5b. If available now, identify source(s) for the font (include address, e-mail, ftp-site, etc.) and indicate the tools used:

### Michael Everson, Fontographer.

6a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided?

Yes.

6b. Are published examples of use (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of proposed characters attached? **Yes.** 

7. Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing (if applicable) such as input, presentation, sorting, searching, indexing, transliteration etc. (if yes please enclose information)?

Yes.

8. Submitters are invited to provide any additional information about Properties of the proposed Character(s) or Script that will assist in correct understanding of and correct linguistic processing of the proposed character(s) or script. Examples of such properties are: Casing information, Numeric information, Currency information, Display behaviour information such as line breaks, widths etc., Combining behaviour, Spacing behaviour, Directional behaviour, Default Collation behaviour, relevance in Mark Up contexts, Compatibility equivalence and other Unicode normalization related information. See the Unicode standard at http://www.unicode.org/for such information on other scripts. Also see Unicode Character Database http://www.unicode.org/Public/UNIDATA/UnicodeCharacterDatabase.html and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard.

See above.

### C. Technical – Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before? If YES, explain.

Nο.

2a. Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body, user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)?

Yes.

2b. If YES, with whom?

#### **TBD**

2c. If YES, available relevant documents

3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters (for example: size, demographics, information technology use, or publishing use) is included?

#### Historical and contemporary cultural use by Hmongs and historians of Hmong culture.

4a. The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare)

#### Common.

4b. Reference

5a. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community?

#### Yes.

5b. If YES, where?

#### In Australia and in the US.

6a. After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP?

#### Nο

6b. If YES, is a rationale provided?

6c. If YES, reference

7. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?

#### Ves

8a. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence?

### No.

8b. If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?

8c. If YES, reference

9a. Can any of the proposed characters be encoded using a composed character sequence of either existing characters or other proposed characters?

#### No.

9b. If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?

9c. If YES, reference

10a. Can any of the proposed character(s) be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character?

#### No.

10b. If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?

10c. If YES, reference

11a. Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences (see clauses 4.12 and 4.14 in ISO/IEC 10646-1: 2000)?

#### No.

11b. If YES, is a rationale for such use provided?

11c. If YES, reference

11d. Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided?

### No.

11e. If YES, reference

12a. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics?

#### No.

12b. If YES, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary)

13a. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility character(s)?

#### No.

13b. If YES, is the equivalent corresponding unified ideographic character(s) identified?