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Title: Comment on "two kana" proposal
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Expected Action: For discussion by WG 2

Japan National Body considers that the two characters proposed in WG 2 N3987 (Proposal to add two kana characters) have no reasonable usage and are not suitable for encoding in UCS.

It is observed that they first appeared in a proprietary set of *Shaken* (写研), the Japanese leading vendor of phototypesetters, and spread over other vendors' products that require compatibility with *Shaken* products. They had never been in standard sets.

Many of the experts in Japan National Body know existence of the two characters for a long time, but nobody in the committee knows the purpose of those characters or actual usages for sure. We can only guess.

If JNB's observation is wrong and the proposed two characters have actual usages, we want to see the real examples of those two characters in use. Japan wants WG 2 to ask for the contributor to supply some evidences and not to encode them in UCS unless some reasonable evidences were supplied.

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