

Preliminary proposal to encode the Brusha script in Unicode

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1 Introduction

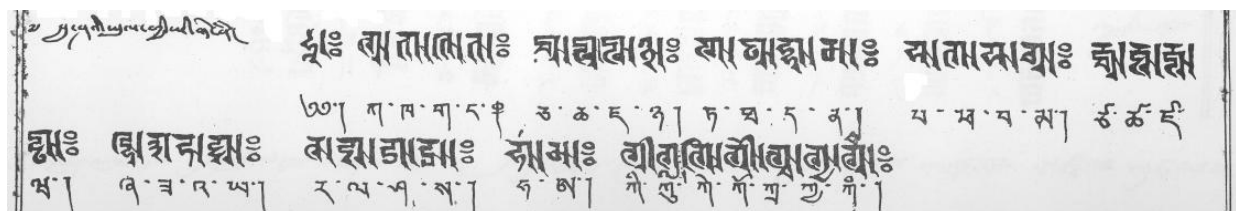
This document provides a draft code chart and a specimen of the ‘Brusha’ script. Very little information is available on Brusha. The material presented here is drawn from blogs on Zhang Zhung scripts published by Andrew West:

- Zhang Zhung Scripts
<http://babelstone.blogspot.com/2007/05/zhang-zhung-scripts.html>
- Zhang Zhung Script Tables
<http://www.babelstone.co.uk/ZhangZhung/Table1.html>

2 Background

The འུ་ཤ་ *Bru-sha* (alt. འུ་ཞ་ *bru-zha*, འུ་ཚ་ *bru-tsha*) script is associated with the Bön religious tradition and was used for writing texts in the Zhang Zhung language. It is an alphasyllabic script and has a structure similar to Lantsha / Ranjana. Character glyphs resemble those of Lantsha and Pungchen, which is another Zhang Zhung script. The repertoire and letter order align with Tibetan.

The Brusha specimen given in *Indian scripts in Tibet*, p. 59 (Lokesh Chandra, 1982. New Delhi: Sharada Rani) is reproduced below:



	1E53	1E54	1E55
0	𑂀 1E530	𑂁 1E540	𑂂 1E550
1	𑂃 1E531	𑂄 1E541	𑂅 1E551
2	𑂆 1E532	𑂇 1E542	
3	𑂈 1E533	𑂉 1E543	𑂊 1E553
4	𑂋 1E534	𑂌 1E544	𑂍 1E554
5	𑂎 1E535	𑂏 1E545	𑂐 1E555
6	𑂑 1E536	𑂒 1E546	𑂓 1E556
7	𑂔 1E537	𑂕 1E547	
8	𑂖 1E538	𑂗 1E548	
9	𑂘 1E539	𑂙 1E549	
A	𑂚 1E53A	𑂛 1E54A	
B	𑂜 1E53B	𑂝 1E54B	
C	𑂞 1E53C	𑂟 1E54C	
D	𑂠 1E53D	𑂡 1E54D	
E	𑂣 1E53E	𑂤 1E54E	
F	𑂦 1E53F	𑂧 1E54F	

Consonants

1E530	𑂀	BRUSHA LETTER KA
1E531	𑂁	BRUSHA LETTER KHA
1E532	𑂆	BRUSHA LETTER GA
1E533	𑂈	BRUSHA LETTER NGA
1E534	𑂋	BRUSHA LETTER CA
1E535	𑂎	BRUSHA LETTER CHA
1E536	𑂉	BRUSHA LETTER JA
1E537	𑂔	BRUSHA LETTER NYA
1E538	𑂕	BRUSHA LETTER TA
1E539	𑂘	BRUSHA LETTER THA
1E53A	𑂚	BRUSHA LETTER DA
1E53B	𑂜	BRUSHA LETTER NA
1E53C	𑂞	BRUSHA LETTER PA
1E53D	𑂠	BRUSHA LETTER PHA
1E53E	𑂣	BRUSHA LETTER BA
1E53F	𑂦	BRUSHA LETTER MA
1E540	𑂁	BRUSHA LETTER TSA
1E541	𑂄	BRUSHA LETTER TSHA
1E542	𑂇	BRUSHA LETTER DZA
1E543	𑂉	BRUSHA LETTER WA
1E544	𑂌	BRUSHA LETTER ZHA
1E545	𑂏	BRUSHA LETTER ZA
1E546	𑂒	BRUSHA LETTER -A
1E547	𑂕	BRUSHA LETTER YA
1E548	𑂗	BRUSHA LETTER RA
1E549	𑂙	BRUSHA LETTER LA
1E54A	𑂛	BRUSHA LETTER SHA
1E54B	𑂝	BRUSHA LETTER SA
1E54C	𑂟	BRUSHA LETTER HA

Vowel letter

1E54D 𑂡 BRUSHA LETTER A

Vowel signs

1E54E	𑂤	BRUSHA VOWEL SIGN I
1E54F	𑂧	BRUSHA VOWEL SIGN U
1E550	𑂂	BRUSHA VOWEL SIGN E
1E551	𑂅	BRUSHA VOWEL SIGN O

Various signs

1E553 𑂊 BRUSHA SIGN ANUSVARA
→ 0F7E 𑂊 tibetan sign rjes su nga ro

Head mark

1E554 𑂍 BRUSHA HEAD MARK
→ 0FD3 𑂍 tibetan mark initial brda rmying
yig mgo mdun ma

Punctuation

1E555 𑂟 BRUSHA MARK SHAD
→ 0F14 𑂟 tibetan mark gter tsheg

Subjoiner

1E556 𑂓 BRUSHA SUBJOINER
• used for producing conjuncts