

Title: A Supplementary Proposal to Encode the Jurchen Characters in UCS

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1. Introduction




In the previous proposal on encoding Jurchen characters (WG2N3628) which was proposed by China at WG2#54 in Dublin, 2009-04, we referred to the table of Jurchen characters. Then, according to the requirements in WG2N3639 in the Jurchen Ad hoc report, we provided additional information of the pronunciations based on Jin Qizong's dictionary and a revised version of the table showing the correlation between the Jurchen font from China NB and Jason's font (WG2n3720).













In 2015, a new Jurchen inscription was found in the Huashiya town of Shenmu County, Shaanxi Province, on which there are 15 glyphs not found in previous records. This proposal intends to add these glyphs to the previously submitted proposal(WG2n3720).

The Jurchen inscription found in the Huashiya is on the outer cliff of a grotto located at 60 kilometers to the south of Shenmu County, Yulin City, Shaanxi Province, which was known to the academic realm in 2015. In the Ming dynasty, the grotto was turned into Qingliang Temple. From the perspective of the existing form and its content, the Jurchen inscription must have been engraved in the same time with the Chinese one on the right side which was carved in 1228 of Jin Dynasty, but the two inscriptions are not originally in accordance with each other, ie., the Jurchen one proves to be an imperial edict given to the magistrate of Michuan County. The inscription is the first Jurchen relic found in the North Xi'an region, the ancient Jin-Xia borderland.

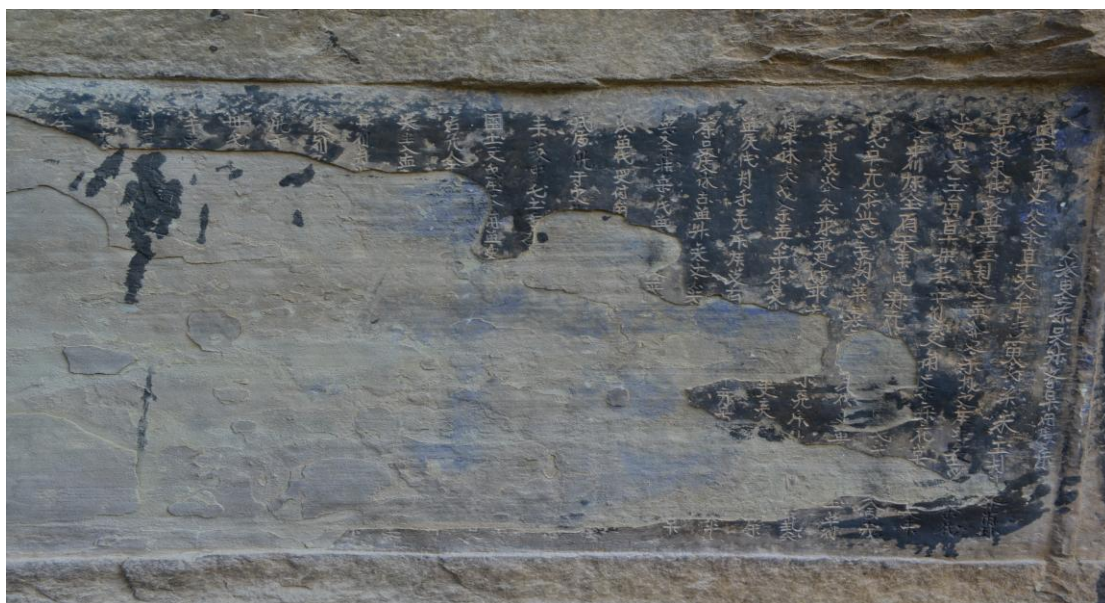
Because of the 15 glyphs not found in previous records and not be included in Jin Qizong's dictionary, we attached them separately at the end of the table.

2. The new Jurchen characters table

Serial No following WG2N 3720	Glyph	Original Pictures	Place in the Huashiya Jurchen inscription	Stoke	Pronunciation
X-1377	𐰇		14-04; 25-01	4	Ir-
X-1378	𐰈		06-04	5	unknown
X-1379	𐰉		11-10	6	ʃir

X-1380	𠂔		09-10	6	go
X-1381	𠂔		24-02	6	bie
X-1382	𠂔		06-03	6	Pi
X-1383	𠂔		06-05	7	unknown
X-1384	𠂔		08-08	7	unknown
X-1385	𠂔		09-02	7	gə
X-1386	𠂔		07-13	7	xa
X-1387	𠂔		05-11	8	niru
X-1388	𠂔		02-07; 04-14; 05-11; 06-04	8	bu
X-1389	𠂔		25-01	8	e
X-1390	𠂔		01-01; 10-10	9	michuan
X-1391	𠂔		06-10	10	michuan

3. The picture of the Huashiya Jurchen inscription



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