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- 1. Introduction. The Wancho language has some 51,000 speakers and is used chiefly in the southeast of Arunachal Pradesh, as well as in Assam and Nagaland. There are 64 villages in Longding, 4 villages in the Tirap district, 128 villages in Nagaland, over 23 villages in Myanmar (where it may be called Chuyo), 3 in Bhutan and 4 in Assam, all where the language is spoken. Wancho is a Sino-Tibetan language of the Konyak or Northern Naga subfamily of the Sal family spoken in eastern India, parts of Bangladesh, and Myanmar. There are three main dialect areas, Northern, Central, and Southern. The script was devised between 2001 and 2012 by Banwang Losu, a teacher at a government middle school in his home village in Longding District, Arunachal Pradesh. The Wancho script is taught today in schools.
- **2. Processing.** Wancho is a simple alphabetic script comprised of letters which represent both consonants and vowels. There are no conjunct characters. Diacritical marks are used on vowel letters to indicate tone. A few characters are similar to other characters, distinguished by a diacritical mark, but this dot is not productive; while five of them appear in pairs in alphabetical order (\mathcal{L} AA a, \mathcal{L} A a; \mathcal{L} SA s, \mathcal{L} SHA s; \mathcal{L} JA j, \mathcal{L} ZA z; \mathcal{L} O o, \mathcal{L} AU au; \mathcal{L} AANG $a\eta$, \mathcal{L} ANG $a\eta$), the dotted forms of both \mathcal{L} RA r and \mathcal{L} U u (\mathcal{L} TRA t_r and \mathcal{L} UN u) are sorted at some distance from them.
- **3. Orthography.** Tones are marked in various ways in different varieties of Wancho. An absolute system of tone marking would not work for Wancho because, for instance, in an Upper Wancho dialect, it is the low tone which is the most common tone, but in a Lower Wancho dialect, it is the high tone which is the most common. The convention is to leave the most common tone unmarked, to mark the second-most common tone with one diacritical mark, and to mark the least-common tone with a double diacritical mark. Different diacritical marks are used to distinguish language varieties whose unmarked tone differs. Syllables checked with the glottal stop are neutral as to tone, and are also unmarked.
- 3.1 Tone marks not present in N4785. The Wancho script was developed for all the Wancho languages, but Losu 2013 focussed on Northern Wancho. In the orthography used or that variety, the most common low tone was marked with a single vowel (as in $\&72\ gi$ 'cane'), the mid tone war marked with two vowels (as in $\&772\ gi$ 'thread'), and the least-frequent high with three vowels (as in $\&7772\ gi$ 'incise'). It became clear that this mechanism was cumbersome, and when the description of Southern Wancho (Burling and Wangsu 1998) was examined, it became clear that tone distribution (in terms of frequency) was not uniform and that this scheme would prove so confusing to users that they were likely to avoid doubling and tripling vowels altogather. The four tone marks proposed here were devised in consultation with Bangwang Losu, in two pairs, one to be used with Northern Wancho and one with Southern. In a sense

this is analogous to the use of the acute accent in Irish and the grave accent in Scottish Gaelic: the different diacritics help a reader identify the language and orthography at a glance. Other Wancho languages are not well described (and it could take decades before that is accomplished).

In an Upper Wancho dialect (tones are lòw, mid, hígh, checked):

| 67 gì 'cane' | الله عنه 'thread' | ሬ႗ႆ gí 'incise' | 6719 gi? 'wilting' |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| ể∿ tù 'blunt' | & √ tu 'iron' | ๕ึง tú 'see' | ℰጐ <i>♪ tuʔ</i> 'thorn' |
| በረን kà 'legs apart' | ΩŹ ka 'go' | ก <i>ใร้ ká</i> 'door' | በ <i>ረጌ</i> ka? 'soil' |
| กุ ม kè 'buttock' | ก1่ ke 'weak' | ีก_่ <i>ké</i> — | ี่ |
| ΩZ kì 'quarrel' | ΩŹ ki 'dog' | ΩŽ ki 'hatch' | NZ♪ ki? 'to salve' |
| า ò 'noise' | ์ o 'bird' | า้ \acute{o} 'protect' | <i>ባ</i> |

In a Lower Wancho dialect (tones are high44, falling52, low11, checked):

| ና 7 zi ⁴⁴ "thread' | પીટેં <i>lwi⁵²</i> 'water buffalo' | ᠮᢅ zi¹¹¹ 'die' | \Z♪ <i>li?</i> 'warm' |
|---|---|---|-------------------------|
| እግ <i>∟የ</i> 77 <i>k</i> ^h 0 ⁴⁴ nay ⁴⁴ 'braid' | Λ^{5} i $k^h o^{52}$ 'hair of head' | $\mathcal{N}\ddot{l} k^h o^{11}$ 'door' | パリット kho? 'penis' |
| ใ7 <i>hi⁴⁴</i> 'dog' | ጓ႗ <i>hi⁵₂</i> — | ીં hi¹¹ 'point' | ጓፒ <i>♪ hi?</i> 'small' |

The diphthongs /ai/ and /au/ may be short or long; /au/ is spelt somewhat differently when long. These are spelt $\partial i/\partial i$ and $\partial u/\partial u$ here, though another transcription might be $\partial i/\partial i$ and $\partial i/\partial i$. The tone mark is placed on the first vowel in a diphthong.

| በ <i>ጀ</i> ፖ <i>kài</i> 'cough' | በ <i>ቲ</i> ፖ <i>kai</i> 'sputum' | Ω <i>l</i> Ž̄ 7 <i>kái</i> 'kick' | በ <i>ጀ</i> ፕ <i>ፆ kai?</i> 'beat' |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| በ <i>ጀ</i> ላ kài 'give, let's' | ດ∕ຊ່7 kəi 'bent' | Ω⁄ž ̅Z kới 'plant' | በ <i>ጀ</i> ፕ <i>♪ kəiʔ</i> 'flick' |
| กใ kào 'half' | ุ ก′ี่ <i>ka</i> ʊ — | ด <i>*</i> ใ <i>ká</i> ʊ — | ถา <i>ิ kaธ</i> ? 'prune' |
| Ωી∕a \bào 'he, she' | ດ <i>ຂ</i> ົ່າ∕໑ <i>kəʊ</i> 'step' | ΩŽ∕∿ káʊʻrun-off' | በ <i>ጀ</i> ∿ <i>♪ kəʊʔ</i> 'give' |

- 3.1 Vowels not present in N4785. The other difference between the repertoire concerns the addition of two short vowels, \mathcal{Z} a and \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{L} a and \mathcal{L} a and \mathcal{L} a and \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{L} a and \mathcal{L}
- **4. Non-alphabetic characters** are used in Wancho. Ordinary generic punctuation marks like COMMA and FULL STOP and QUESTION MARK are used in Wancho and can be represented by existing UCS characters.
- **5. Digits.** U+1E2F0..U+1E2F9 are the decimal digits 0–9. Common punctuation and operators are used for mathematical operations. See Figure 3.
- **6. Ordering.** The ordering of the character set follows that of the code chart. The first four characters are given in an order which resembles the Aramaic order used by many alphabets $(a \ni b \in g \mid d)$, sort of a hybrid of Latin and Greek ABC $\Gamma\Delta$) but this seems to be incidental and there is no particular similarity to that or any other order otherwise. Dotted letters are sorted as separate from their undotted counterparts.
- **7. Character names.** The character names here use the usual UCS transcription for the scripts of India: \mathscr{Z} AA a, \mathscr{Z} A ∂ , \mathscr{L} BA b, \mathscr{S} CA tf, \mathscr{E} DA d, \mathscr{P} GA g, \mathscr{L} YA j, \mathfrak{O} PHA p^h , \mathfrak{L} LA l, \mathcal{L} NA n, \mathcal{L} PA p, \mathscr{E} TA t, \mathscr{I} THA θ , \to FA f, \mathscr{L} SA s, \mathscr{L} SHA f, \mathscr{T} JA $d\mathfrak{Z}$, \mathscr{T} ZA z, \mathscr{O} WA w, \mathscr{P} VA v, \mathscr{L} KA k, \mathscr{L} O \mathcal{D} :, \mathscr{L} AU $a\mathfrak{D}$, \mathscr{L} RA r, \mathscr{L} MA m, \mathscr{L} KHA k^h , \mathscr{L} HA h, \mathscr{L} E e, \mathscr{L} I i, \mathscr{L} NGA g, \mathscr{L} NYA g, \mathscr{L} UU, \mathscr{U} LLHA g, \mathscr{L} TSA g, \mathscr{L} TRA g, \mathscr{L} ONG g, \mathscr{L} ANG g, \mathscr{L} NYA g, \mathscr{L} UU, \mathscr{U} UU, \mathscr{U} VIH \mathscr{L} .

8. Unicode Character Properties.

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1E2C0; WANCHO LETTER AA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2C1; WANCHO LETTER A; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1E2C2; WANCHO LETTER BA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2C3; WANCHO LETTER CA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1E2C4; WANCHO LETTER DA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2C5; WANCHO LETTER GA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2C6; WANCHO LETTER YA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2C7; WANCHO LETTER PHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2C8; WANCHO LETTER LA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1E2C9; WANCHO LETTER NA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2CA; WANCHO LETTER PA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2CB; WANCHO LETTER TA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2CC; WANCHO LETTER THA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2CD; WANCHO LETTER FA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1E2CE; WANCHO LETTER SA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2CF; WANCHO LETTER SHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2D0; WANCHO LETTER JA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2D1; WANCHO LETTER ZA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1E2D2; WANCHO LETTER WA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2D3; WANCHO LETTER VA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2D4; WANCHO LETTER KA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2D5; WANCHO LETTER O; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1E2D6; WANCHO LETTER AU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2D7; WANCHO LETTER RA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2D8; WANCHO LETTER MA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2D9; WANCHO LETTER KHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1E2DA; WANCHO LETTER HA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2DB; WANCHO LETTER E; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1E2DC; WANCHO LETTER I; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2DD; WANCHO LETTER NGA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2DE; WANCHO LETTER U; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2DF; WANCHO LETTER LLHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2E0; WANCHO LETTER TSA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2E1; WANCHO LETTER TRA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2E2; WANCHO LETTER ONG; Lo; 0; L; ;; ;; N; ;; ;;
1E2E3; WANCHO LETTER AANG; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2E4; WANCHO LETTER ANG; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2E5; WANCHO LETTER ING; Lo; 0; L; ;; ;; N; ;; ;;
1E2E6; WANCHO LETTER ON; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2E7; WANCHO LETTER EN; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2E8; WANCHO LETTER AN; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2E9; WANCHO LETTER NYA; Lo; 0; L; ;; ;; N; ;; ;;
1E2EA; WANCHO LETTER UN; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2EB; WANCHO LETTER YIH; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;
1E2EC; WANCHO TONE TUP; Mn; 230; NSM;;;;; N;;;;
1E2ED; WANCHO TONE TUP MANG; Mn; 230; NSM;;;;; N;;;;
1E2EE; WANCHO TONE OKOI; Mn; 230; NSM;;;;; N;;;;
1E2EF; WANCHO TONE OKOI MANG; Mn; 230; NSM;;;;; N;;;;;
1E2F0; WANCHO DIGIT ZERO; Nd; 0; L;; 0; 0; 0; N;;;;;
1E2F1; WANCHO DIGIT ONE; Nd; 0; L;; 1; 1; 1; N;;;;;
1E2F2; WANCHO DIGIT TWO; Nd; 0; L;; 2; 2; 2; N;;;;;
1E2F3; WANCHO DIGIT THREE; Nd; 0; L; ; 3; 3; 3; N; ; ; ;
1E2F4; WANCHO DIGIT FOUR; Nd; 0; L; ; 4; 4; 4; N; ; ; ;
1E2F5; WANCHO DIGIT FIVE; Nd; 0; L; ; 5; 5; 5; N; ; ; ;
1E2F6; WANCHO DIGIT SIX; Nd; 0; L;; 6; 6; 6; N;;;;;
1E2F7; WANCHO DIGIT SEVEN; Nd; 0; L;; 7; 7; 7; N;;;;;
1E2F8; WANCHO DIGIT EIGHT; Nd; 0; L; ; 8; 8; 8; N; ; ; ;
1E2F9; WANCHO DIGIT NINE; Nd; 0; L; ; 9; 9; 9; N; ; ; ; ;
1E2FF; WANCHO NGUN SIGN; Sc; 0; ET;;;; N;;;;;
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Figures.



Figure 1. Chart of the Wancho alphabet. The gap appears between the letters which are used for sounds common to other languages of India, and sounds which are considered unique to Wancho. From Losu 2013:31. Since the publication of Losu 2013 analysis of the use of Wancho script for multiple varieties of Wancho has led to the addition of the following characters, which are part of this proposal:



11 SIMILARITIES

(Similar in sound, different in meaning)

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| 64 | Ban | Fire | - | LLL | Bann | 10(Ten) | 622 | bè bè | Lİ | |
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| <i>F</i> 7 | Chi | Water | _ | ₽ 77 | Chee | Penis | <i>P</i> 7 | cì | ſŹ | ci |
| Ett | Da | Slave | - | Etiti | Daa | Rough surface | 817 | $d\hat{ar{a}}$ | 8 17 | $d\bar{a}$ |
| 86 | Dam | Bamboo mat | _ | 8°66 | Damm | Careless | 8 17 C | dàm | 8 12 C | dam |
| 87 | Di | Shield | _ | 877 | Dee | Die | 87 | dì | ſď | di |
| 611 | Ga | Useless | - | 61111 | Gaa | Afraid/Fear | 617 | gā̀ | 6/2 | gā |
| 64 | Gan | Fence | _ | 644 | Gann | Shame | 625 | gàn | 625 | gan |
| 67 | Gi | Cane | - | 677 | Gee | Thread | 67 | gì | 67 | gi |
| 65 | Gong | Horn | _ | 655 | Gonng | Strong | 63 | gòŋ | 63 | goŋ |
| 6a | Go* | Bamboo | _ | 622 | Go:* | Discussion/ | 69 | gồ | රුව | gõ |
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| ۸۷ | Khan | Yam | = = | ለረረ | Khanr | Buried | <i>∧&</i> ∠ C&7 √1 | mā̀i jã̀ | С <i>2</i> .7 Г1 | māi jã |
| 14.2 Ch7 | Khan Mai | Yam Good | = = = | ሌረ ር | Khanr Z Maie Ja* | n Buried Animals/Meat | N.&L C.&T T³ S& | māi jã ṅā | CHT TÍ SH | māi jã ṅā |
| ሉ <u>ረ</u> <i>ዌለፕ</i> የታ | Khan Mai Ja* | Yam Good Water | = = = | ሌረ ፈ ዌ ለተገኘ | Khanr Z Maie Ja* | Animals/Meat Bone | <i>N&L</i> € <i>h</i> 7 †1 <i>Sh</i> <i>N</i> 7 | mầi jầ nầ khì | CÁ7 TÍ SÁ MŽ | māi jã 'nā khi |
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| 12 12 12 12 12 13 | Khan Mai Ja* Nga Khi | Yam Good Water Tire Red | | 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. | Khanr Z Maie Ja* Ngaa Khee Kann | Buried Animals/Meat Bone Mithun Keen Hug | ለ <i>ሐ</i> ሬ | māi jā nā khì kàn kòm | <i>ፕ∄</i> 7 ታၨ፤ ይ፟ ሉ፟ ለ፟ በ፟፟ዾ በሷሬ | māi jã ṅā khi kan kom |
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| ሉረ <i>የሰ7</i> የ <i>ኦ</i> <i>۶ስ</i> ሉጀ በረ በባሪ | Khan Mai Ja* Nga Khi Kan Kom | Yam Good Water Tire Red To carry They | | ሉረ | Khanr Z Maie Ja* Ngaa Khee Kann Komn | Animals/Meat Bone Mithun Keen Hug We Wine | <i>እ&L</i> ሬ <i>ኪ</i> ፣ ኔ ይ ል እ በ <i>ኢ</i> ሬ በብሬ ነ ነ ሪ | mẫi jã nầ khì kàn kòm jù pòŋ | ዌ/ታ7 ተ፤ ይ/ታ ሉ/ታ በ/ታረ በሳኖ የጎፅ ለቋ | māi jã nā khi kan kom ju poŋ |
| ሉረ | Khan Mai Ja* Nga Khi Kan Kom | Yam Good Water Tire Red To carry They Beg | | ሉፈፈ ቴ/አን የ/አን ይ/አ/አ የ/ፈረ በ/ፈረ የ/የየፅ | Khann Maie Ja* Ngaa Khee Kann Komn Joo | Animals/Meat Bone Mithun Keen Hug Me Wine Min Join | <i>አልረ</i> | mầi jầ hầ khì kàn kòm jù pòŋ làm | <i>ጜሕ</i> 7 ታሕ ኡሕ ሴት ሴት ሴት ሴት ሴት ሴት ሴት ሴት ሴት ሴት | māi jã nā khi kan kom ju poŋ lam |
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Figure 2. Some minimal pairs in Wancho. From Losu 2013:86–87. On the left the words are given in an earlier orthography which marks tone by doubling and tripling vowels and nasals. On the right is the reformed orthography, which has a vowel & for short a and the second and third tones (in the case of this variety of Northern Wancho, mid and high tones).

SUBTRACTION

MULTIPLICATION

| Examples: | | | Examples: | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------|---|------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | | (a) | 9 | × | \$ | = | 10 |
| (a). | ъ - Q | = ? | (b) | 7 | × | 6 | = | \$ J |
| (b). | å − 9 | = Q. | | 4 | × | -a | | - 9 <i>1</i> |
| (c). | 12-91 | = -11 | (c) | 4 | ^ | u | | |
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Figure 3. Examples of arithmetical operations in Wancho. From Losu 2013:96–97.

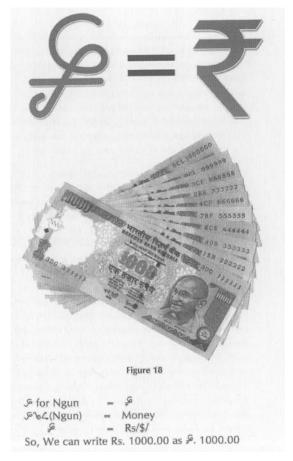


Figure 4. Example of the Wancho ngun sign, used to indicate rupees. From Losu 2013:119.

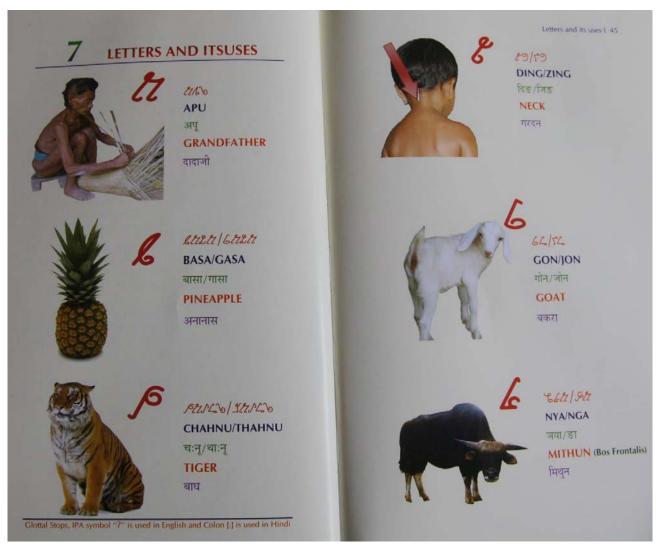


Figure 5. Examples of words beginning the alphabet in Wancho script, Latin script, Devanagari script, with English and Hindi translations. Variant readings like καν chahnu [tʃaʔnù] / Μαν thahnu [θaʔnù] indicate dialect variation. From Losu 2013:44–45.

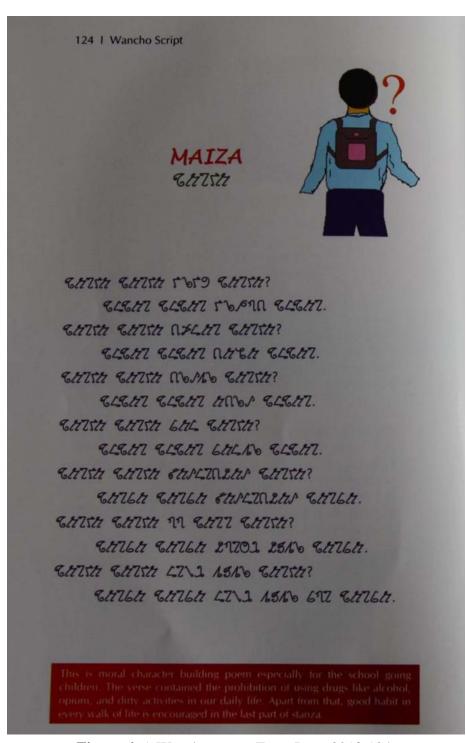


Figure 6. A Wancho poem. From Losu 2013:124.

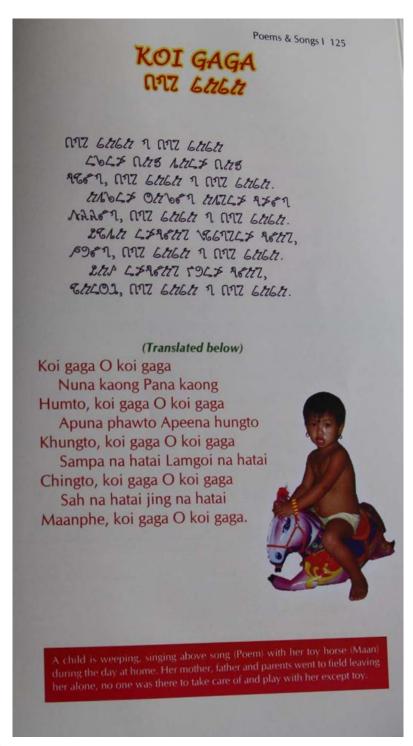


Figure 7. A Wancho song with transliteration. From Losu 2013:125.

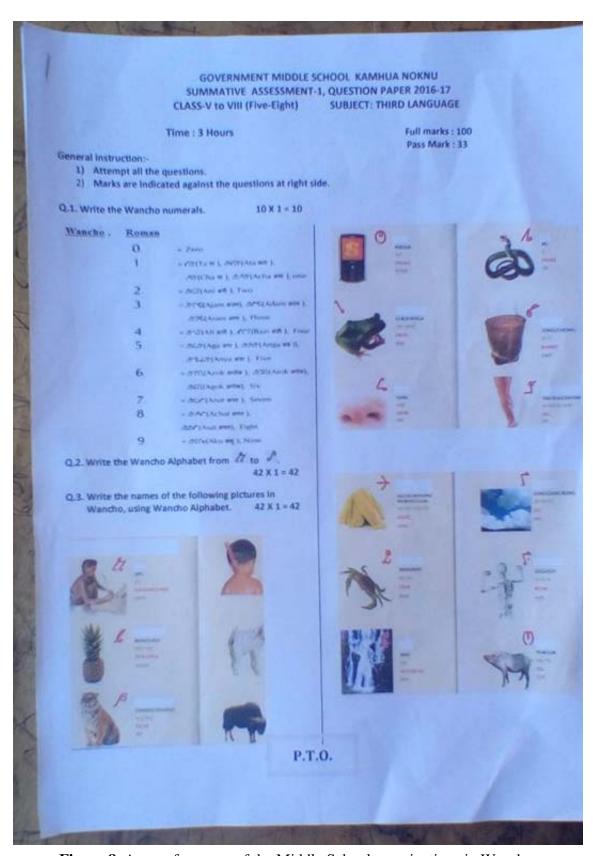


Figure 8. A page from one of the Middle School examinations in Wancho.



Figure 9. Students taking an examination in Wancho script.

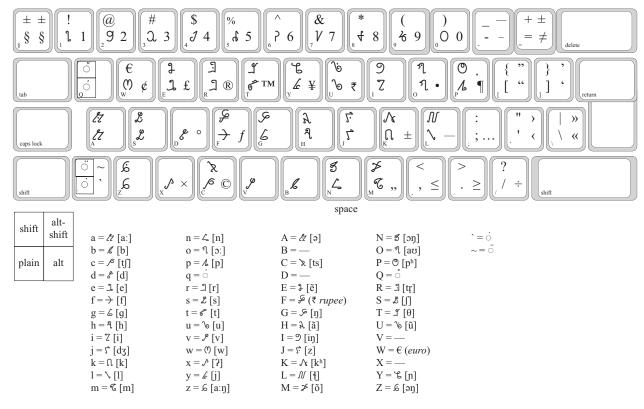


Figure 10. Wancho keyboard layout.

| | 1E2C | 1E2D | 1E2E | 1E2F |
|---|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0 | 27 1E2C0 | 5 | \(\) 1E2E0 | O 1E2F0 |
| 1 | 7 1E2C1 | 5. | 1E2E1 | 1E2F1 |
| 2 | b | ω | B | 9 |
| 3 | 1E2C2 5 | 1E2D2 | 1E2E2 | 1E2F2 Q |
| 4 | 1E2C3 | 1E2D3 | 1E2E3 | 1E2F3 |
| 5 | 1E2C4 | 1E2D4 | 1E2E4 9 | 1E2F4 |
| 6 | 1E2C5 | 1E2D5 | 1E2E5 A | 1E2F5 |
| 7 | 1E2C6 | 1E2D6 | 1E2E6 | 1E2F6 |
| 8 | 1E2C7 | 1E2D7 | 1E2E7 | 1E2F7 |
| | 1E2C8 | 1E2D8 | 1E2E8 | 1E2F8 |
| 9 | 1E2C9 | 1E2D9 | 1E2E9 | 1E2F9 |
| Α | 1E2CA | 1E2DA | 1E2EA | |
| В | 1E2CB | 1E2DB | 1E2EB | |
| С | 1E2CC | 7 1E2DC | 1E2EC | |
| D | - > | J 1E2DD | 1E2ED | |
| Ε | % 1E2CE | 1E2DE | 1E2EE | |
| F | ي | \mathcal{M} | ័ | 9 |
| ı | 1E2CF | 1E2DF | 1E2EF | 1E2FF |

Letters

1E2C0 27 WANCHO LETTER AA 1E2C1 & WANCHO LETTER A 1E2C2 & WANCHO LETTER BA 1E2C3 ✓ WANCHO LETTER CA 1E2C4 & WANCHO LETTER DA 1E2C5 6 WANCHO LETTER GA WANCHO LETTER YA 1E2C7 O WANCHO LETTER PHA 1E2C8 \ 1E2C9 ∠ WANCHO LETTER LA WANCHO LETTER NA 1E2CA / WANCHO LETTER PA 1E2CB ರ WANCHO LETTER TA 1E2CC ၗ 1E2CD → WANCHO LETTER THA WANCHO LETTER FA 1E2CE \mathcal{L} WANCHO LETTER SA 1E2CF WANCHO LETTER SHA 1E2D0 5 WANCHO LETTER JA 1E2D1 5 WANCHO LETTER ZA 1E2D2 () WANCHO LETTER WA 1E2D3 🖋 WANCHO LETTER VA 1E2D4 Ω wancho letter ka 1E2D5 WANCHO LETTER O 1E2D6 1 WANCHO LETTER AU J WANCHO LETTER RA 1E2D7 1E2D8 & WANCHO LETTER MA 1E2DA 원 WANCHO LETTER HA 1E2DB 1 1E2DC 7 WANCHO LETTER E WANCHO LETTER I 1E2DD & WANCHO LETTER NGA 1E2DE **♦** WANCHO LETTER U 1E2E0 x 1E2E1 3 WANCHO LETTER TSA WANCHO LETTER TRA 1E2E2 🖠 WANCHO LETTER ONG 1E2E3 & WANCHO LETTER AANG 1E2E4 & 1E2E5 9 WANCHO LETTER ANG 1E2E5 WANCHO LETTER ING 1E2E6 λ WANCHO LETTER ON 1E2E7 WANCHO LETTER EN 1E2E8 WANCHO LETTER AN & WANCHO LETTER NYA 1E2E9 1E2EA % WANCHO LETTER UN

Tone marks

1E2EC . WANCHO TONE TUP
1E2ED . WANCHO TONE TUP MANG
1E2EE . WANCHO TONE OKOI
1E2EF . WANCHO TONE OKOI MANG

Digits

1E2F0 O WANCHO DIGIT ZERO 1E2F1 WANCHO DIGIT ONE 1E2F2 9 WANCHO DIGIT TWO 1E2F3 1 1E2F4 *J* WANCHO DIGIT THREE WANCHO DIGIT FOUR 1E2F5 WANCHO DIGIT FIVE 1E2F6 WANCHO DIGIT SIX 1E2F7 WANCHO DIGIT SEVEN 1E2F8 WANCHO DIGIT EIGHT 1E2F9 も WANCHO DIGIT NINE

Symbol

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1E2FF

WANCHO NGUN SIGN
= rupee

→ 20B9 ₹ indian rupee sign

A. Administrative

1. Title

Proposal to encode the Wancho script in the UCS

2. Requester's name

UC Berkeley Script Encoding Initiative (Universal Scripts Project)

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

Liaison contribution.

4. Submission date

2017-07-26

- 5. Requester's reference (if applicable)
- 6. Choose one of the following:
- 6a. This is a complete proposal

Yes.

6b. More information will be provided later

No.

B. Technical - General

1. Choose one of the following:

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

Yes.

1b. Proposed name of script

Wancho.

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

59.

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 via Banwang Losu

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.

See above.

C. Technical – Justification

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

Yes. N4785.

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?

Banwang Losu, Stephen Morey, Andrew Cunningham. Yhilan Ko

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?

Contemporary use by Wancho speakers.

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 Arunachal Pradesh.

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

No.

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)?

Yes.

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?