To: The Unicode Technical Committee
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Subject: Comments of support for the adoption of "Proposal to Encode the
Siddham Script in ISO/IEC 10646"
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This will confirm my support for the current version of the "Proposal to
Encode the Siddham Script in ISO/IEC 10646.

I am the former President of Shuchi-in University in Kyoto, Japan. This University
was founded by Kukai in the early ninth century and has used siddham in the
current form since then. The font is consistent with what we use at the University.
It is important to encode siddham so that it can be used more professionally in the
curriculum.

Rev. Eidson and Rev. Harada-Eidson have attended many Priest training courses
at the University for a number of years. All of these courses use siddham in the text.

I have worked with Rev. Eidson and Rev. Harada-Eidson from Tenchiji
Temple and The Shingon Buddhist international institute on the development of a
Unicode proposal for Siddham since 2007. It has been a long time since we
were presented with the concept and have been periodically updated on it.

We are pleased that a proposal is being submitted to the Unicode Technical
Committee and hope that it will be approved as a foundation to create a useable
system for siddham.

Gassho.

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