

Staff Report of Public Comment Proceeding

Proposal for Khmer Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules (LGR)

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Section I: General Overview and Next Steps

The Khmer script community has formed the Khmer Generation Panel (GP), which in turn has developed a Proposal for the Khmer Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules ([Proposal](#) and [Proposal Documentation](#)). As per the [LGR Procedure](#), this proposal is being posted for public comments to allow those who have not participated in the Khmer GP to make their views known to the GP. Khmer GP will now submit the final proposal with any changes to reflect the public comments, for evaluation by the Integration Panel (IP). If evaluation by the IP is successful, the Proposal for the Khmer Root Zone Label Generation Rules will be integrated into the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone. Otherwise, the proposal will be sent to the GP with comments for further consideration and revision.

Section II: Contributors

At the time this report was prepared, a total of five (5) community submissions had been posted to the forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.

Organizations and Groups:

Name	Submitted by	Initials
Neo-Brahmi Generation Panel	Raymond Doctor, Mahesh D. Kulkarni, Neha Gupta and Akshat Joshi	NBGP
Lao Generation Panel	Chittaphone Chansylilath	LaoGP
Thai Generation Panel	Wanawit Ahkuputra and Panus Rattakitvijun Na Nakorn	ThaiGP

Individuals:

Name	Affiliation (if provided)	Initials
Nicholas Ostler	Member of Integration Panel	NO
Michel Suignard	Member of Integration Panel	MS

Section III: Summary of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section intends to summarize broadly and comprehensively the comments submitted to this public comment proceeding but does not address every specific position stated by each contributor. The preparer recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).

NBGP members note that the Khmer script is adapted from Pallava script, a variant of Grantha and belonging to Brahmi family. It has similar syllabic structure (“akshar”) to neo-Brahmi scripts but adapted to the need of language with diacritics to represent modifications of pronunciation. Variant principle and Whole Label Evaluation (WLE) rules are similar to those needed for neo-Brahmi scripts, with additional rules specialized for Khmer script. NBGP members appreciate the exhaustive nature of the proposal.

LaoGP agree with the cross-script analysis of Khmer-Lao scripts presented by the Khmer GP.

ThaiGP members present a scheme of Khmer-Thai cross-script variants which they have developed and invite Khmer GP to have a discussion on their analysis for coordination and finalization.

MS and NO present multiple editorial corrections and some additional feedback to improve consistency of representation and language in the Khmer LGR proposal.

Section IV: Analysis of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section intends to provide an analysis and evaluation of the comments submitted along with explanations regarding the basis for any recommendations provided within the analysis.

These comments are being submitted to the Khmer Generation Panel for their consideration and incorporation (as needed) in the final version of the proposal.