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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries  
and on the progress made in the standardization of  
geographical names**

## Standardization of geographical names in Japan

### Summary\*\*

In Japan, geographical names are collected, arranged and standardized by relevant governmental agencies to promote their administrative activities. As a consequence, the standardization of geographical names is a well-coordinated effort involving various related organizations that all have clearly defined tasks. Efforts towards standardization include the following: the standardization of geographical names of administrative districts; the unification of geographical names of natural features; the standardization of geographical names of undersea features; the adoption of Antarctic geographical names; and the national geographical names gazetteer.

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\* [GEGN.2/2025/1](#).

\*\* The full report was prepared by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan. The report will be available at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th\\_session\\_2025/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th_session_2025/), in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2025/23/CRP.23.

