

Introduction to Standardization of Kanji in relation to the Notation of Geographical Names

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【Background information】

Japanese writing uses three types of characters, **hiragana**, **katakana** and **kanji**.

Example 1. : 私は今ニューヨークで国際会議に出席しています。

I'm attending an international conference in New York now.

【Issue】

Many of geographical names in Japan are written in kanji. However, certain kanji characters have variants, so that the same geographical name may be written in slightly different kanji.

Example 2. : 葛飾 葛飾 } Katsushika



【Action】

The Japanese government has been working to standardize kanji characters for information used by administrative agencies. (Details will be presented under Agenda 5b)

