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Japanese Community Forms Generation Panel for Determining the Japanese Root Zone Label Generation Rules (LGR)

ICANN is pleased to announce that the Generation Panel for the Japanese Label Generation Rules (LGR) for the Root Zone has been seated.

Following the <u>Call for Generation Panels to Develop Root Zone Label Generation Rules</u>, on 6 February 2015 the Japanese community submitted to ICANN the Proposal for Generation Panel for Japanese Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone. ICANN staff has reviewed the proposal including panel composition and scope, to ensure that requirements set forth in the <u>LGR Procedure</u>, and in particular the criteria set forth in the <u>Call for Generation Panels to Develop Root Zone Label Generation Rules</u>, are fulfilled.

On behalf of ICANN, we would like to use this opportunity to thank each of the members for offering their time and expertise to volunteer for the Japanese Generation Panel.

With composition and work plan approved, the Japanese Generation Panel will start its work on the label generation rules. According to the <u>LGR Procedure</u>, the starting point of any Generation Panel's work is the Maximal Starting Repertoire (MSR), with its first version (<u>MSR-1</u>) released on 20 June 2014 and the second version (<u>MSR-2</u>) currently released for community review. The full specification of Generation Panel's tasks can be found in the <u>LGR Procedure</u> in particular, Section B.3 "Variant Rule Generation Procedure".

ICANN has provided a central public <u>workspace</u> on the project website where Japanese Generation Panel composition, work plan updates, public reports, contact details, and any other relevant information will be included.

As a reminder, and to highlight the importance of script community involvement required in the development of the IDN Root Zone LGR, we would like to reiterate the <u>Call for Generation Panels to Develop Root Zone Label Generation Rules</u>. A successful development of the Root Zone LGR depends on having Generation Panels for each script represented in the Root Zone. In addition to ongoing efforts with the Arabic, Armenian, Chinese and Japanese, Generation Panel formation is expected to cover other scripts including Bengali, Cyrillic, Devanagari, Ethiopic, Georgian, Greek, Gujarati, Gurmukhi, Hebrew, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Latin, Myanmar, Oriya, Sinhala, Tamil, Telugu, Thai and Tibetan.

For further information on how to form a Generation Panel, please refer to the <u>Call for Generation</u> <u>Panels to Develop Root Zone Label Generation Rules</u> and to the additional supporting documentation provided on the <u>Root Zone LGR Project website</u>. Individual interests may be emailed to <u>idntlds@icann.org</u>.

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