

Comments on the “Proposal to encode Limbu in the UCS”

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Section B. Technical - General

1.a This proposal is for a new script (set of characters): YES

Proposed name of script: LIMBU (Also called **SIRIJONGA**)

2. Number of characters in proposal: **65 plus 6 codepoints** reserved for obsolete characters

(Reserved code points are 0x09, 0x0A, 0x1A, 0x21, 0x32 and 0x3C)

7.a Are references (to other characters sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided ? YES (Materials have been provided for additional 5 characters/symbols)

Some native names and proposed Unicode names have to be changed. They are as follows:

Codepoint	Glyph	Native name	Proposed Unicode name	Remark
25	ᱠᱟ	ainu	LIMBU DIPHTHONG AI	Name change
27	ᱠᱟᱵ	tumbo	LIMBU DIPHTHONG AU	Name change
28	ᱠᱟᱨ	titco	LIMBU LOW MID BACK ROUNDED VOWEL SIGN A	Name change
29	ᱠᱟᱨ	pətco	LIMBU LOW MID FRONT VOWEL SIGN E	Name change
3D	ᱠᱟ	lo	LIMBU SIGN LO	To be added
3E	ᱠᱟ	tok	LIMBU PUNCTUATION FULL STOP	To be added
3F	ᱠᱟ	se:ndobe	LIMBU PUNCTUATION QUESTION MARK	Name change
40	ᱠᱟ	oksibe	LIMBU PUNCTUATION EXCLAMATION MARK	To be added
41	ᱠᱟ	cuktok	LIMBU PUNCTUATION COMMA	To be added
44	ᱠᱟ	ya:kla	LIMBU PUNCTUATION HYPHEN	To be added
48	ᱠᱟ	nɛt	LIMBU DIGIT TWO	Name change
49	ᱠᱟ	sum	LIMBU DIGIT THREE	Name change
4A	ᱠᱟ	li	LIMBU DIGIT FOUR	Name change
4B	ᱠᱟ	ŋa	LIMBU DIGIT FIVE	Name change
4C	ᱠᱟ	tuk	LIMBU DIGIT SIX	Name change
4D	ᱠᱟ	nu	LIMBU DIGIT SEVEN	Name change
4E	ᱠᱟ	yɛt	LIMBU DIGIT EIGHT	Name change
4F	ᱠᱟ	phaŋ	LIMBU DIGIT NINE	Name change

Character code table for Limbu (Sirijonga) script.

	0x0	0x1	0x2	0x3	0x4
0	ᳵ	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹
1	ᳺ	᳻		᳼	᳽
2	᳾	᳿	᳠		
3	᳡	᳢	᳣	᳤	
4	᳦	᳧	᳨	ᳩ	=
5	ᳫ	ᳬ	᳭	ᳮ	
6	ᳱ	ᳲ	ᳳ	᳴	0
7	ᳶ	᳷	᳸	᳹	ᳺ
8	᳼	᳽	᳾	᳿	᳠
9		᳡	᳢	᳣	᳤
A			᳦	᳧	᳨
B	ᳫ	ᳬ	᳭	ᳮ	ᳯ
C	ᳱ	ᳲ	ᳳ		ᳵ
D	᳷			᳹	ᳺ
E	᳽			᳽	᳾
F	᳿			᳿	᳠

Materials for additional 5 characters/symbols

1st page of PDF file: *Anisigang* (Inside Us) taken from *Yakthung Hu-singlam* (Let's learn Limbu, p. 52). B.B. Subba. 1991, Sikkim. (**Limbu hyphen** appears at the end of line 2.)

2nd page of PDF file: *Yakthung Nisigek Sapla* (Second Book on Limbu). Bajbir Thalang, Imansing Chemjong, Man Bahadur Khamdak, Padam Sing Nugo. 1951, Sikkim. Publishers: Amiran Chemjong, Padam Sing Nugo. (**Limbu sign LO** appears near the end of the last line.)

3rd page of PDF file: *Kheda-a-kheda* (Stories, p.17). Editors B.B. Subba, Mohan Subba. Text Book Unit, Dept. of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gantok. 1989 (**Limbu exclamation mark** appears at the end of line 11.)