# First Revised Proposal 

## Transliteration of Akson ${ }^{1}$-Tham-Isan and Akson-Thai-Noi

## 1 Scope

The transliteration system presented here describes the orthographic system of the Akson-Tham-Isan and Akson-Thai-Noi scripts using Romanized characters consistent with the provisions of the International Standards Organization.

The Akson-Tham-Isan and Akson-Thai-Noi characters of this standard were developed as modem representations of ancient scripts found in inscriptions and palm leaf religious texts and adapted by the Royal Institute of Thailand ${ }^{2}$.

The selection of Romanized characters follows, to the extent possible, the phonemic/phonetic representations used in the transliteration of Standard Thai as described in the International Standard of the ISO 11940, thus enabling consistency of system and economy of codes.

In this system transliteration principles are applied stringently to enable complete unambiguous reversibility in the conversion of characters. Although accurate pronunciation may not always result in the application of this system, because the original Akson-Tham-Isan and Akson-Thai-Noi characters can be regenerated automatically from the Romanized representation, those with knowledge of the languages will be able to correctly pronounce the Romanized graphemes.

## 2 Normative reference

The following standard contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO/IEC 10646:2014(E), Information Technology - Universal Coded Character Set (UCS) - Structure of the Basic Multilingual Plane.

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## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.
3.1 characters: Alphabetic letters, digits, special markers, and other markers.
3.2 Akson-Tham-Isan characters: Akson-Tham-Isan alphabetic letters, Akson-Tham-Isan digits, and special markers. See I. Romanization of Akson-Tham-Isan
3.3 Akson-Thai-Noi characters: Akson-Thai-Noi alphabetic letters, Akson-ThaiNoi digits, and special markers. See II. Romaization of Akson-Thai-Noi

## I. Romanization of Akson-Tham-Isan

## 1. Akson-Tham-Isan Script

Akson-Tham-Isan Script, so named because of its role in recording religious matters, was used in the communities throughout the Isan and Lanchang regions of Thailand for hundreds of years. The script is found in palm leaf documents and stone inscriptions, with evidence dating as far back as 1503 A.D. (2046 B.E.), at the base of the Bhudda image at Wat Prathat Phanom. The script is derived from ancient Mon, which was used in the northern Lanna Kingdom prior to being adapted and spreading to the Isan region. The script is rounded in form, similar to ancient Mon and Lanna ('tua muang' alphabet) scripts, featuring vowels in positions preceding, following, above, and below the accompanying consonants.

Orthographic Features
1.1 Akson-Tham-Isan consonants are of two types, a) full; and b) variant, or reduced.
1.2 There are three types of vowel graphemes, independent forms; dependent forms, and alternate forms. Independent vowel graphemes appear in initial position in words without an initial consonant; dependent vowel graphemes appear with accompanying consonants; alternate form vowels are positioned similarly to dependent graphemes, but have different forms.
1.3 Initial consonants are full form graphemes and are written on the line, while the second component of a consonant cluster or a consonant in final position is a reduced or variant form and is written below the line or at the end of the word.
1.4 Alternate grapheme characters have unique features that differ from the regularly appearing forms mentioned above.

## 2. Akson-Tham-Isan Characters

### 2.1 Consonants

Consonant graphemes are of two types, a) full; and b) reduced, or variant.

### 2.1.1 Full Form Consonant Graphemes

There are 41 'full form' consonant graphemes:

| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{m} \\ & \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ \overline{\mathrm{k} h} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Omega \\ \text { kh } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { wల } \\ & \text { ḳh } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \varepsilon \\ \mathrm{ng} \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0$ c | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{D} \\ \text { chh } \end{gathered}$ | a <br> s | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ๕ } \\ & \text { ch } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & z \\ & \mathrm{y} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\varepsilon$ t | $\begin{aligned} & \varepsilon_{0} \\ & \bar{t} h \\ & *_{1} \end{aligned}$ | $\stackrel{y}{c}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & d \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { ๗ } \\ \text { t'h } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \infty \\ & n \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $0$ $\mathrm{t}$ | ธ <br> th | ๑ <br> th | th | $\begin{aligned} & \curvearrowleft \\ & n \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & v \\ & b \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ขे } \\ & p \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { £ } \\ & \overline{\mathrm{p} h} \end{aligned}$ | ยิ $\mathrm{f}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G) } \\ & \mathrm{ph} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Gิ } \\ \mathrm{f} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{n} \\ & \mathrm{ph} \end{aligned}$ | Q $\mathrm{m}$ |  |  |  |  |
| w | § | ๑ | O |  | 6 | 28 | 30 | $\checkmark$ | ธ | 2 | ธ |
| y | r | 1 | W | $\begin{gathered} \overline{\mathbf{S}} \\ *_{1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \bar{s}, \\ & *_{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\overline{\mathrm{s}}$ ' | $\overline{\mathrm{s}}$ |  |  | X | h |

Note that the grapheme $\delta / \mathrm{r} /$ is not usually seen in ancient scripts, the grapheme $\mho / 1 /$ or $\check{/ h} /$ being used instead, except occasionally in transcribing Pali words; e.g., หรยீ $/ \mathrm{xr}^{-} \mathrm{x} /$ / priest of Buddha'.
2.1.2 Variant and Reduced Forms of Consonant Graphemes

### 2.1.2.1 Variant forms of Graphemes

Twenty graphemes exhibit forms different from the full form when they appear in the various positions as described below :
2.1.2.1.1 following the accompanying consonant

 'pleasant'

4) $\int /-\mathrm{y} /($ variant form of $س / \mathrm{y} /$ ) e.g., 2j /d_w-y/ 'also', 2Js /kh-yr/ 'write'

6) (I $/-\overline{\mathrm{s}} /($ variant form of $50 / \overline{\mathrm{s}} /$ ) e.g., รशู /rā-s/ 'royal'

### 2.1.2.1.2 below the accompanying consonant or vowel


2) $\sum^{/ \mathrm{c} /\left(\text { variant form of } \mathrm{O} / \mathrm{c} / \text { ) e.g., } \operatorname{UB} / \overline{\mathrm{sc}} \mathrm{c}_{-} / \text {'truth' }\right.}$
3) $\omega^{\prime} / \mathrm{ch} /$ (variant form of $\Omega / \mathrm{ch} /$ ) e.g., O̊ $\mathrm{a}_{2} / \mathrm{w}^{-}$ich_chā/'knowledge'
4) $\alpha_{\alpha} \_\mathrm{n} /\left(\right.$ variant form of $\sqsubset / \mathrm{n} /$ ) e.g., ک $/ \mathrm{n}^{-} \underline{\mathrm{a}}_{=} \mathrm{n} /$ 'that'

6) elm/(variant form of $\mathcal{L} / \mathrm{m} /$ ) e.g., S్రి $/ \overline{\mathrm{s}}^{-} \mathrm{a}_{-} \mathrm{m} /$ 'reasonable'

7）－Im／（variant form of $\mathcal{Q} / \mathrm{m} /$ ）e．g．，©ค）／th－ $\mathrm{y}_{--} \mathrm{m} /$＇compare＇

8）～ $11 /\left(\right.$ variant form of $刃 / 1 /$ ）e．g．，ひ్న్న $/ h_{-} l \bar{a} \mathrm{n} /$＇nephew，niece，grandchild＇


10）－ 1 ＿x／（variant form of Q／x／）e．g．，فथู／e $\hbar^{-} i_{-} n_{-} x /$＇north＇
 こ／＿th／（variant form of 6／th／）e．g．，OOg＇／wt＿that＇cloth＇二／＿ph／（variant form of GI／ph／）e．g．，ขĢ／b＿uph＿ph／＇prior＇

Note that variant forms of $\varepsilon \varepsilon_{j} / \mathrm{Th} /$ ，©／th／and $\mathcal{G} / \mathrm{ph} /$ are the same．


2．1．2．1．3 preceding the consonant
G /r-/ (ro rawong) e.g., Gิa /r-pha/ 'monk'

## 2．1．2．1．4 above the consonant

£ /-ng/ (mai anglaen) e.g., な్తి/khng_x/ 'of'

Note that there are two variant form graphemes for／l／；one appears following the accompanying consonant， $\int /-1 /$ ，another below the consonant $\sim / \_1 /$ ；and there are also two forms for $/ \mathrm{ng} /$ ，one written below the consonant，an／＿ng／，the other above the consonant，${ }^{\text {§ }} /-\mathrm{ng} /$ ．

## 2．1．2．2 Reduced Form Graphemes

Reduced forms of fourteen consonant graphemes have the same shape as the full form，but are smaller and are written below the accompanying consonant when they are part of a cluster．The grapheme＂＂＂（2．1．2．2．12 and 2．1．2．2．13 below）appears in two different levels below the accompanying consonant：

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2．1．2．2．3 $๑ / \mathrm{kh} /$ e．g．，$२ \Omega / \mathrm{mkh}_{-} \mathrm{kh} /$＇way＇
2．1．2．2．4 凸／s／e．g．，COR／ews＿s／＇physician＇

2．1．2．2．6 Ø／t＇h／e．g．，O2્బૂ๓／wd＿t＇hnā／＇develop＇

2．1．2．2．8 O／t／e．g．，ねO22／xt＿tā／＇self＇
2．1．2．2．9 ๑／th／e．g．，Sจด／sth＿th／＇sound＇

2．1．2．2．11 ת／ph／e．g．，๑G్బ／khph＿ph／＇inner room＇
2．1．2．2．12 O／w／e．g．，Øั ©／k＿wā／＇more than＇
2．1．2．2．13 O／w／e．g．，ひ్రొగ／h＿1＿－wng／＇big＇


2.2 Vowel Graphemes

Vowel graphemes are of three types, 13 independent, 33 dependent, and five alternate forms.
2.2.1 Independent Vowel Graphemes

Thirteen independent vowel graphemes appear in initial position when there is no initial consonant.

| Q2 | 02 | $\underline{\square}$ | (1) | 2 | 2 | $2$ | e | (20 | $\sqrt{\mathfrak{O}}$ | 2 | $\delta$ | $e^{5}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| xa | x $\overline{\mathbf{a}}$ | xi | $\mathbf{X 1}$ | xu | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{x} \overline{\mathbf{u}} \\ *_{1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{x} \overline{\mathbf{u}} \\ & * 2 \end{aligned}$ | xe | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{x 0} \\ *_{1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{x 0} \\ & * 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\mathbf{x} \overline{\mathbf{a}}$ | V | $\mathbf{Y}$ |

### 2.2.2 Dependent Vowel Graphemes

Thirty three dependent vowel graphemes appear preceding, following, below or above its accompanying consonant grapheme.

| ca | $\begin{aligned} & -2 \\ & \mathbf{c a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \underline{0} \\ \mathbf{c}^{-} \mathbf{i} \\ { }^{1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 气 } \\ \mathbf{c}^{-} \mathrm{i} \\ *_{2} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \underline{Q} \\ & \mathbf{c}^{-} \mathbf{i} \\ & { }^{-1} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \underline{2} \\ \mathbf{c}^{-} \mathbf{i} \\ * 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\stackrel{\odot}{\mathbf{c}^{-}} \mathbf{u}_{*_{1}}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { ? } \\ \sim \\ \mathbf{c}^{-} \mathbf{u}^{\prime} \\ { }^{\prime} 2^{\prime} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \underline{-} \\ & \mathbf{c}^{-} \overline{\mathbf{u}} \\ & { }_{3} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{{ }^{\prime}}{\mathbf{c}_{1} \mathbf{u}}$ | $\mathbf{c}_{-}^{\mathbf{u}} \underset{* 2}{-}$ | $\underset{*_{1}}{\mathbf{c}_{1} \overline{\mathbf{u}}}$ | ${\underset{\mathbf{c}_{-2}}{ } \overline{\mathbf{u}}, ~}_{\text {an }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { c- } \\ & \text { ec } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { cc- } \\ \text { ee1c } \\ { }^{1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{c}^{-} \mathbf{e e} \mathbf{2} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{c}^{-} \text {ee3 } \\ { }^{3} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \approx \\ - \\ c^{-} \text {ee4 } \\ * 4 \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{c}^{-} \mathbf{e e 5} \\ * 5 \end{gathered}$ | $\sigma_{6}$ $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{c}^{-} \text {ee } 6 \\ * 6 \end{gathered}$ | $\varepsilon \text { - }$ <br> oc | $\begin{aligned} & \text { c-2a } \\ & \text { ecāa } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \bar{G} \\ & \mathbf{c}_{-} \mathbf{x} \\ & { }^{2} 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\mathbf{c}_{*_{2}} \mathbf{x}$ | $\begin{gathered} \bar{o} \\ \mathbf{c}^{-}{ }_{a}{ }_{1} \mathbf{w} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} c^{\sim}-\mathrm{J} \\ \text { ec }^{-} \underline{\underline{\mathbf{a}}-\mathbf{y}} \end{gathered}$ |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C}^{2} \\ \text { ectu } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & C-v_{-} \\ & e_{c} C_{-} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} -\dot{\circ} \\ \bar{c} \text { xā } \end{gathered}$ | $3-$ <br> $\underline{i} \mathbf{c}$ | $\}-$ <br> ic | $c-2$ <br> ec ${ }^{-}$aa |  |  |  |

Note that
$\mathrm{c}=$ consonant position.

There are only twenty four unique forms of vowel graphemes:

| $\begin{aligned} & -\AA \\ & a \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -2 \\ & \overline{\mathbf{a}} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \underline{0} \\ & -\mathbf{i} \\ & * 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \curvearrowleft \\ -\mathrm{i} \\ { }^{\prime} 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathscr{O} \\ -\mathbf{i} \\ * \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathfrak{a} \\ -\mathbf{i} \\ * 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { © } \\ -{ }_{*}^{\mathbf{u}} \\ { }_{1}^{\prime} \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & -\overline{\mathbf{u}} \\ & { }_{3} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${\underset{*}{\prime}}_{\mathbf{u}}^{\mathbf{u}}$ | $-{ }_{{ }_{2}} \mathbf{u}$ | $\underset{*_{1}}{\__{\bar{u}}}$ | ${ }_{{ }_{* 2}}^{-\overline{\mathbf{u}}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{c}- \\ & \mathrm{e} \end{aligned}$ | C6ee1 *1 | $\begin{gathered} \text {-ee2 } \\ { }_{* 2} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text {-ee3 } \\ * 3 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \approx \\ - \\ - \text { ee4 } \\ * 4 \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ - \\ -\mathrm{ee5} \\ * 5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ 6 \\ -\mathrm{ee} 6 \\ * 6 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \varepsilon \\ \mathbf{0} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \circ \\ \text { ¿xā } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3- \\ \underline{\mathrm{i}} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \ell- \\ i \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |

## 2．2．3 Alternate forms

Five dependent vowel graphemes have alternate forms．

| Pali marker | used in place of final／ng／in Pali words；e．g．，， இูรぴ／xr万 ${ }^{-x /}$／accomplished＇ <br>  <br> and in place of $/ \mathrm{x} /$ when there is no final consonant in the local dialect；e．g．，$\stackrel{\circ}{2} / \mathrm{kh}^{-} \mathrm{x} /$＇request＇ <br> บั $/ \mathrm{b}^{-} \mathrm{x}$／＇no，not＇ธั่／ $\mathrm{ph}^{-} \mathrm{x}$／＇father＇ |
| :---: | :---: |
| mai kong | used in place of the reduced form of short／o／；e．g．， ลิ $/ \mathrm{kh}^{-} \mathrm{a} \_\mathrm{n} /$＇person＇，ડ్తి $/ \mathbf{s}^{-} \mathrm{am} /$＇orange，sour＇ used to transcribe／ua／when there is no final consonant；e．g．， ほ／mª＿w／＇unclear＇，ひ્ઠિ／h＇a＿w／＇head＇ used in conjunction with $\mathbf{g}$ and $\mathbf{K}$ to form the vowel grapheme C -2 e．g．， <br> ลิ2／ekh ${ }^{-}$āa／＇she／he／they＇，©Oิว／ew ${ }^{-}$āā／＇speak＇ |
| mai sat |  and in place of $/ \mathrm{k} /$ in final position；e．g．， <br>  |
|  | used with $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{w} /$ and other characters if a short $/ \mathrm{a} /$ would result in a mispronunciation；e．g．， <br> $\mathrm{O} \rho / \mathrm{wa} /$ may be mistook as $O / \mathrm{t} /$ so it is written as O ？ |
| $\sum_{\text {yo yat nam }}$ | used in place of $/ \mathrm{x} /$ when there is a final $/ \mathrm{y} /$ ；e．g．， fin－xy／＇little，a small amount＇ |

### 2.2.4 Special Consonants and Syllables

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y y=e \\
& \overline{\mathrm{~s}} \overline{\mathrm{~S}}=>0 \\
& n \bar{a}=\curvearrowleft \\
& x y=\delta
\end{aligned}
$$

2.3 There are ten numeral graphemes:


### 2.4 Combining Graphemes

As mentioned, Akson-Tham-Isan graphemes are of two types, a) full; and b) variant, or reduced. Full forms appear in initial consonant position, in the first position in clusters, and, in some cases, in final position. Variant or reduced graphemes are written preceding, below or above the accompanying consonant grapheme. Vowel graphemes are written preceding, following, above, or below the accompanying consonant, in a manner similar to that of Thai.

To summarize, orthographic rules are as follows:

### 2.4.1 Consonants

2.4.1.1 Initial consonants are written on the line, with full form graphemes
2.4.1.2 Consonant clusters are formed with reduced or variant graphemes following the initial grapheme and placed in various positions; for example:

| If $\int / r /$ is the second component of a cluster, | it precedes the initial grapheme; e.g., Gิว /r-pha/ 'monk' CొT $/$ r-kāb/ 'to prostrate oneself' |
| :---: | :---: |
| If $\sim / \delta / l /$ is the second component of a cluster, | it is placed below the initial grapheme; e.g., Сస్స్య ${ }^{2} / \mathrm{ek}^{-} \mathrm{a}_{1} 1 \overline{\mathrm{a}} /$ 'a bun, or crown of the head'; or following the accompanying initial grapheme; <br> e.g., Cస్న్ని $/ \mathrm{ek}^{-} \mathrm{a}-1 \overline{1} \mathrm{a} /$ 'a bun, or crown of the head' |
| If $0^{/ W /}$ is the second component of a cluster, <br> If $/ \mathbf{w} /$ is a vowel in a cluster, | the first variation of the shortened form is used and is placed below the initial grapheme; <br> e.g., Øัว /k_wā/ 'more than' <br> the second variation of the shortened form is used, placed below the accompanying initial consonant graphemes; <br>  |

2.4.1.3 Consonants that cluster with a leading consonant grapheme are reduced or variant forms and are placed below the leading consonant grapheme; e.g., ひুহ /h _nā/ 'face, front' ใひ̃ /īू_w/ 'salutation with palms together in front of the face'

Note that in some cases initial consonants may be of the shortened or reduced variety;
e.g., $\}_{\alpha} / \mathrm{i} \_\mathrm{n} /$ 'a kind of dog'
(Source: an inscription at Suwankhuha Cave Temple \#2, in Suwankhuha District of Nongbualamphu Province)

### 2.4.2 Vowels

2.4.2.1 Independent vowels are used in word initial position when there is no initial consonant; e.g.,

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { ఇวกั๊ } / x a ̄ 1-a \underline{a}-y / \text { 'mourn' } \\
& \text { ๗โโิ์లు } / x i r-n-1 \text { _thy/ 'body' }
\end{aligned}
$$



2．4．2．2 A dependent vowel grapheme is placed in a position around the accompanying consonant；
e．g．，ขูกீ $/ b^{-} \underline{a}_{-} \mathrm{dn}^{-}-\stackrel{1}{1} /$＇presently，at present＇
$\varepsilon_{u} \quad / \overline{\mathrm{p}} \mathrm{h}^{-} \mathrm{a}_{-} \overline{\mathrm{u}} /$＇bound，tie＇
そん $/ \mathrm{in} /$＇in＇

## 3．Arrangement of character sequence

3．1 The conversion is made character by character from left to right．
3．2 A character may be accompanied by an upper level or a lower level／lowermost level variant or reduced form／forms；the sequence of the characters must be as follows：
a．Type the consonant first；then
b．Type the upper level character，then
c．Type the lower level character，and
d．Type the lowermost level character．
e．g．，$\quad$ กूळ／h＿1＿＿wng／＇royal＇
The order of typing must be as follows：
ひ～ $0 \quad \varepsilon$
З్తీ／Kh－ng＿x／＇of＇
The order of typing must be as follows：
2 r
4．Typing sequence
4．1 If a Roman character contains one combining diacritical mark，type the character before the mark，
e．g．， $\bar{k} h$ The order of typing must be as follows： $\mathrm{k}^{-} \mathrm{h}$
kh The order of typing must be as follows： k ． h

4．2 If a Roman character contains two combining diacritical marks，type the character first， then the upper mark，and the lower mark respectively．
e．g．，$\quad \overline{\mathrm{t}} \mathrm{h}$ The order of typing must be as follows： $\mathrm{t}^{-}$． h

## Romanization of Akson-Tham-Isan

Special symbols: Refers to the six symbols used to specify character position and differentiate one Roman character that represents the same sound converted from different Akson-Tham-Isan characters:

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\begin{array}{llll}
\text { Position: } & \mathrm{p}=\text { preceding } & \text { (HYPHEN-MINUS } & 002 \mathrm{D}) \\
& \mathrm{f}=\text { following } & \text { (HYPHEN-MINUS } & 002 \mathrm{D}) \\
& \mathrm{a}=\text { above } & \text { (MODIFIER LETTER MACRON } & 02 \mathrm{C} 9) \\
& \mathrm{b}=\text { below } & \text { (MODIFIER LETTER LOW MACRON } & 02 \mathrm{CD} \text { ) }
\end{array}
$$

COMBINING MACRON 0304
COMBINING DOT BELOW 0323
COMBINING MACRON BELOW 0331
COMBINING HORN 031B
Remarks:

1. Code position of Akson-Tham-Isan character in ISO/IEC 10646 will be added later.
2. Some fonts may be modified as appropriate.

| No. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Akson-Tham } \\ \text {-Isan } \\ \text { character } \end{gathered}$ | Code position in ISO/IEC 10646 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Roman- } \\ & \text { ized } \\ & \text { character } \end{aligned}$ | Code position(s) of Romanized characters in ISO/IEC 10646 | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0 |  | k | 006B | ISAN CHARACTER KA 1 |
| 2 | $\bar{¢}$ |  | _k | 02CD+006B | ISAN CHARACTER KA 2 |
| 3 | 2 |  | $\overline{\mathrm{k}}$ h | 006B+0304+0068 | ISAN CHARACTER KHA 1 |
| 4 | 2 |  | $\text { _ } \bar{k} h$ | 02CD $+006 \mathrm{~B}+0304+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER KHA 2 |
| 5 | $\bigcirc$ |  | kh | 006B+0068 | ISAN CHARACTER KHA 3 |
| 6 | ○ |  | _kh | 02CD+006B+0068 | ISAN CHARACTER KHA 4 |
| 7 | 2) |  | kh | $006 \mathrm{~B}+0323+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER KHA 5 |
| 8 | $\varepsilon$ |  | ng | 006E+0067 | ISAN CHARACTER NGA 1 |
| 9 | 5 |  | -ng | 02C9+006E+0067 | ISAN CHARACTER NGA 2 (mai ang laen) |
| 10 | in |  | _ng | 02CD+006E +0067 | ISAN CHARACTER NGA 3 |
| 11 | 0 |  | C | 0063 | ISAN CHARACTER CA 1 |
| 12 | 2 |  | _C | 02CD+0063 | ISAN CHARACTER CA 2 |
| 13 | จ |  | $\overline{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{h}$ | $0063+0304+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER CHA 1 |
| 14 | $-5$ |  | - $\overline{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{h}$ | 002D $+0063+0304+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER CHA 2 |
| 15 | $Q$ |  | S | 0073 | ISAN CHARACTER SA 1 |
| 16 | $\bar{\omega}$ |  | ch | 02CD $+0063+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER CHA 3 |
| 17 | ఖ |  | c h | $0063+0323+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER CHA 4 |
| 18 | - |  | -c h | 002D $+0063+0323+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER CHA 5 |
| 19 | 2 |  | y | 0079+0323 | ISAN CHARACTER YA 1 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 2 |  | Y Y | 0079+0323+0079+0323 | ISAN CHARACTER YA YA |
| 21 | $\varepsilon$ |  | t | 0074+0323 | ISAN CHARACTER TA 1 |
| 22 | EJ |  | $\overline{\mathrm{t}} \mathrm{h}$ | 0074+0304+0323+0068 | ISAN CHARACTER THA 1 |
| 23 | 0 |  | $\bar{t}$ 'h | $\begin{gathered} 0074+0304+0323+031 \mathrm{~B} \\ +0068 \end{gathered}$ | ISAN CHARACTER THA 2 |
| 24 | ن |  | $\underset{-}{\mathrm{t}} \mathrm{~h}$ | $\begin{gathered} 02 \mathrm{CD}+0074+0304+0323+ \\ 0068 \end{gathered}$ | ISAN CHARACTER THA 3 (also used as reduced forms of tha5 and pha3) |
| 25 | 2 |  | d | 0064 | ISAN CHARACTER DA 1 |
| 26 | $\overline{2}$ |  | _d | 02CD+0064 | ISAN CHARACTER DA 2 |
| 27 | ข |  | $t^{\prime} h$ | 0074+031B+0068 | ISAN CHARACTER THA 3 |
| 28 | 2 |  | _t'h | $02 \mathrm{CD}+0074+031 \mathrm{~B}+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER THA 4 |
| 29 | 08 |  | n | 006E+0323 | ISAN CHARACTER NA 1 |
| 30 | $\bar{m}$ |  | _n | $02 \mathrm{CD}+006 \mathrm{E}+0323$ | ISAN CHARACTER NA 2 |
| 31 | 02 |  | t | 0074 | ISAN CHARACTER TA 2 |
| 32 | ¢ |  | _t | 02CD+0074 | ISAN CHARACTER TA 3 |
| 33 | 6 |  | th | 0074+0304+0068 | ISAN CHARACTER THA 5 |
| 34 | $\bigcirc$ |  | th | 0074+0068 | ISAN CHARACTER THA 6 |
| 35 | ๑ |  | _th | 02CD+0074+0068 | ISAN CHARACTER THA 7 |
| 36 | ๑ |  | t h | $0074+0323+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER THA 8 |
| 37 | $\bar{\omega}$ |  | _t h | $02 \mathrm{CD}+0074+0323+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER THA 9 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 38 | $\llcorner$ |  | n | 006E | ISAN CHARACTER NA 3 |
| 39 | - |  | _ | 02CD+006E | ISAN CHARACTER NA 4 |
| 40 | $\bar{\alpha}$ |  | n | 02CD+02CD+006E | ISAN CHARACTER NA 5 |
| 41 | $\curvearrowleft$ |  | nā | 006E+0061+0304 | ISAN CHARACTER NAA |
| 42 | ข |  | b | 0062 | ISAN CHARACTER BA |
| 43 | ขิ |  | p | 0070 | ISAN CHARACTER PA 1 |
| 44 | - ${ }^{-1}$ |  | -p | 002D+0070 | ISAN CHARACTER PA 2 |
| 45 | § |  | $\overline{\mathrm{p}} \mathrm{h}$ | 0070+0304+0068 | ISAN CHARACTER PHA 1 |
| 46 | छ̄ |  | _ p h | 02CD+0070+0304+0068 | ISAN CHARACTER PHA 2 |
| 47 | ย |  | $\overline{\mathrm{f}}$ | 0066+0304 | ISAN CHARACTER FA 1 |
| 48 | G) |  | ph | 0070+0068 | ISAN CHARACTER PHA 3 |
| 49 | G) |  | f | 0066 | ISAN CHARACTER FA 2 |
| 50 | n |  | p h | $0070+0323+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER PHA 4 |
| 51 | ๒ |  | _p h | $02 \mathrm{CD}+0070+0323+0068$ | ISAN CHARACTER PHA 5 |
| 52 | Q |  | m | 006D | ISAN CHARACTER MA 1 |
| 53 | $0^{-}$ |  | _m | 02CD+006D | ISAN CHARACTER MA 2 |
| 54 | ¢ |  | m | 02CD $+02 \mathrm{CD}+006 \mathrm{D}$ | ISAN CHARACTER MA 3 |
| 55 | U |  | y | 0079 | ISAN CHARACTER YA 2 |
| 56 | -J |  | -у | 002D+0079 | ISAN CHARACTER YA 3 |
| 57 | S |  | r | 0072 | ISAN CHARACTER RA 1 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 58 | E |  | r- | 0072+002D | ISAN CHARACTER RA 2 (ro rawong) |
| 59 | ல |  | 1 | 006C | ISAN CHARACTER LA 1 |
| 60 | $\sim$ |  | _1 | 02CD+006C | ISAN CHARACTER LA 2 |
| 61 | - |  | -1 | 002D+006C | ISAN CHARACTER LA 3 |
| 62 | O |  | W | 0077 | ISAN CHARACTER WA 1 |
| 63 | - |  | _W | 02CD+0077 | ISAN CHARACTER WA 2 |
| 64 | - |  | __ W | 02CD+02CD+0077 | ISAN CHARACTER WA 3 |
| 65 | 6 |  | $\overline{\text { S }}$ | 0073+0304+0323 | ISAN CHARACTER SA 2 |
| 66 | 62 |  | $\overline{\bar{S}_{1}^{\prime}}$ | $0073+0304+0323+031 \mathrm{~B}$ | ISAN CHARACTER SA 3 |
| 67 | 20 |  | $\overline{\mathrm{S}}$ ' | 0073+0304+031B | ISAN CHARACTER SA 4 |
| 68 | 5 |  | $\overline{\mathrm{S}}$ | 0073+0304 | ISAN CHARACTER SA 5 |
| 69 | 9 |  | -S | 002D+0073+0304 | ISAN CHARACTER SA 6 |
| 70 | 305 |  | $\overline{\mathrm{S}}$ S | 0073+0304+0073+0304 | ISAN CHARACTER SA SA |
| 71 | U |  | $\overline{\mathrm{h}}$ | 0068+0304 | ISAN CHARACTER HA 1 |
| 72 | 勺 |  | $\text { _ } \overline{\mathrm{h}}$ | 02CD+0068+0304 | ISAN CHARACTER HA 2 |
| 73 | ๔ |  | $1$ | 006C+0323 | ISAN CHARACTER LA 4 |
| 74 | 12 |  | X | 0078 | ISAN CHARACTER O 1 |
| 75 | o |  | _X | 02CD+0078 | ISAN CHARACTER O 2 |
| 76 | a |  | - - ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 02CD $+02 \mathrm{CD}+0078$ | ISAN CHARACTER O 3 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 77 | $\delta$ |  | XY- | 0078+0079+002D | ISAN CHARACTER OY1 |
| 78 | $\delta$ |  | -xy | 002D+0078+0079 | ISAN CHARACTER OY2 (yo yat nam) |
| 79 | ธ |  | h | 0068 | ISAN CHARACTER HA 3 |
| 80 | - |  | a | 0061 | ISAN SARA A 1 |
| 81 | -2 |  | $\overline{\mathrm{a}}$ | 0061+0304 | ISAN SARA AA |
| 82 | -3 |  | a' | 0061+031B | ISAN LONG SARA AA (long $\overline{\bar{a} /)}$ |
| 83 | $\underline{2}$ |  | xi | 0078+0069 | ISAN INDEPENDENT SARA I |
| 84 | - |  | -i | 02C9+0069 | ISAN SARA I 1 |
| 85 | $\stackrel{ }{\square}$ |  | - ${ }^{\prime}$ | 02C9+0069+031B | ISAN SARA I 2 |
| 86 | (1) |  | X $\bar{i}$ | 0078+0069+0304 | ISAN INDEPENDENT SARA II |
| 87 | $\stackrel{-}{-}$ |  | - $\overline{\mathrm{i}}$ | 02C9+0069+0304 | ISAN SARA II 1 |
| 88 | ? |  | - ${ }^{\prime}$ | 02C9+0069+0304+031B | ISAN SARA II 2 |
| 89 | $\bigcirc$ |  | ${ }^{-} \mathrm{u}$ | 02C9+0075+0323 | ISAN SARA UE 1 |
| 90 | $\stackrel{\square}{-}$ |  | - ${ }^{\prime}$ | 02C9+0075+0323+031B | ISAN SARA UE 2 |
| 91 | - |  | - ${ }_{\text {u }}$ | 02C9+0075+0304+0323 | ISAN SARA UE 3 |
| 92 | 2 |  | Xu | 0078+0075 | ISAN INDEPENDENT SARA U |
| 93 | $i$ |  | _u | $02 \mathrm{CD}+0078$ | ISAN SARA U 1 |
| 94 | $i$ |  | __u | $02 \mathrm{CD}+02 \mathrm{CD}+0078$ | ISAN SARA U 2 |
| 95 | 2 |  | $X \overline{\mathbf{u}}$ | 0078+0078+0069 | ISAN INDEPENDENT SARA UU 1 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 96 | 2 |  | $X \bar{u}{ }^{\prime}$ | 0078+0078+0069+031B | ISAN INDEPENDENT SARA UU 2 |
| 97 | - |  | _ū | $02 \mathrm{CD}+0078+0069$ | ISAN SARA UU 1 |
| 98 | - |  | __ ${ }_{\text {u }}$ | $\begin{gathered} 02 \mathrm{CD}+02 \mathrm{CD}+0078 \\ +0069 \end{gathered}$ | ISAN SARA UU 2 |
| 99 |  |  | xe | 0078+0065 | ISAN INDEPENDENT SARA E |
| 100 | ¢2 |  | XO | 0078+006F | ISAN INDEPENDENT SARA O 1 |
| 101 | भि |  | XO. | $0078+006 \mathrm{~F}+0323$ | ISAN INDEPENDENT SARA O 2 |
| 102 | C- |  | e | 0065 | ISAN SARA E |
| 103 | 66- |  | ee1 | $0065+0065+1$ | ISAN SARA AE 1 |
| 104 | $\curvearrowleft$ |  | -ee2 | 02C9+0065+0065+2 | ISAN SARA AE 2 |
| 105 | ? |  | -ee3 | 02C9+0065+0065+3 | ISAN SARA AE 3 |
| 106 | $\approx$ |  | - ee4 | 02C9+0065+0065+4 | ISAN SARA AE 4 |
| 107 | $\underline{6}$ |  | -ee5 | 02C9+0065+0065+5 | ISAN SARA AE 5 |
| 108 | 6. |  | -ee6 | 02C9+0065+0065+6 | ISAN SARA AE 6 |
| 109 | $\varepsilon$ |  | 0 | 006F | ISAN SARA O 1 |
| 110 | $\bigcirc$ |  | X | 02C9+0078+0323 | ISAN NIKKHAHIT (Pali marker) |
| 111 | 3 |  | $\underline{\text { i }}$ | 0069+0331 | ISAN SARA AI 1 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 112 | $\}$ |  | 1 | 0069+0323 | ISAN SARA AI 2 |
| 113 | 2) |  | exā | $0065+0078+0061+0304$ | ISAN INDEPENDENT SARA AO |
| 114 | $\delta$ |  | V | 0076 | ISAN INDEPENDENT SARA RUE 1 |
| 115 | $e^{5}$ |  | Y | 0076+0323 | ISAN INDEPENDENT SARA RUE 2 |
| 116 | - |  | - a | 02C9+0061 | MAI SAT |
| 117 | $\sim$ |  | -a | 02C9+0061+0323 | MAI KONG |
| 118 | 0 |  | 0 | 0030 | ISAN DIGIT ZERO |
| 119 | $\bigcirc$ |  | 1 | 0031 | ISAN DIGIT ONE |
| 120 | 6 |  | 2 | 0032 | ISAN DIGIT TWO |
| 121 | మ |  | 3 | 0033 | ISAN DIGIT THREE |
| 122 | $G$ |  | 4 | 0034 | ISAN DIGIT FOUR |
| 123 | G |  | 5 | 0035 | ISAN DIGIT FIVE |
| 124 | อิ |  | 6 | 0036 | ISAN DIGIT SIX |
| 125 | $\eta$ |  | 7 | 0037 | ISAN DIGIT SEVEN |
| 126 | Ø゙ |  | 8 | 0038 | ISAN DIGIT EIGHT |
| 127 | ৩ |  | 9 | 0039 | ISAN DIGIT NINE |

Note that
$x y=$ grapheme $y$ is placed below grapheme $x$

$x_{-} y=\quad$ grapheme $y$ is placed two levels below grapheme $x$
e.g., $\quad$ - $\quad$ - w
$x^{-} y=$ grapheme $y$ is placed above grapheme $x$
e.g., ${ }^{\text {s }}=-n g$ Əु $/ \mathrm{kh}^{-} \mathrm{ng}_{-} \mathrm{x} /$ 'of'
$y-x=$ grapheme $x$ is placed following grapheme $y$

$x-y=$ grapheme x is placed preceding grapheme y
e.g., $\quad=\quad$ r- Gิa /r-pha/ 'monk'

## II. Romaization of Akson-Thai-Noi

## 1. Akson-Thai-Noi Script

Akson-Thai-Noi Script is among the Sukhothai group of Thai characters, with morphology similar to that developed during the reign of King Phraya Li Thai of Sukhothai (A.D. 13471368) and alphabet characters adapted from the 'Fak Kham' characters of the Lanna Kingdom. Thai Noi characters and orthographic rules were in use throughout the Lan Chang and Isan Regions of Thailand, and can be found in many stone inscriptions and various documents that record events relating to governance (Lai Jum Script), medical prescriptions, folk tales, and blessing ceremonies (e.g. the 'Su Khwan' Ceremony), among other writings.

Akson-Thai-Noi Script was used in religious and secular communities of the Isan Region until the reign of King Rama V (A.D. 1868-1910). Following the Primary Education Act of B.E. 2464 (A.D. 1921), which required the population to study Standard Thai in the schools, the Akson-Thai-Noi Script fell out of favor in the region.

In Laos, when the country became independent from France, the Lao Ministry of Education developed a simplified version of Thai Noi, featuring added tone markers and abbreviated characters for ease of mechanical reproduction, that is used in government documents to this day.

At the same time, the Akson-Thai-Noi characters and orthographic features in the Isan Region of Thailand have retained the former characteristics and are therefore to be considered a separate alphabet set from that of Lao.

Orthographic Features
Consonants: Twenty-six consonants and a number of digraphs and consonant combinations appear in palm leaf documents found throughout the Isan Region and the Lan Chang Kingdom.

Vowels: Twenty-three vowel graphemes, representing twenty vowel sounds, are found in Isan Region palm leaf texts.

Tone Markers: Tone markers do not appear in records found either in Isan or in Laos; the reader determined the tone to be applied, although the Lao Script was eventually modified to include tone markers.

Orthographic Rules In a manner similar to that of Standard Thai Script, Akson-ThaiNoi initial and final consonant characters are placed on the line, with accompanying vowels placed in positions preceding, following, below, and above the initial consonant character or consonant cluster. The second component of a digraph is represented by an abbreviated version of the consonant character or by a variation borrowed from Akson-Tham-Isan characters. (see also Akson-Tham-Isan script)

## 2．Orthographic Features of Akson－Thai－Noi

## 2．1 Consonants

There are two types of consonant graphemes，＂simple＂and＂bound＂：

## 2．1．1 Simple Graphemes（thirty nine full－form characters）

| $\begin{aligned} & \Omega \\ & \mathrm{k} \end{aligned}$ | $\stackrel{\text { kh }}{ }$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{2} \\ & \text { ḳh } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ค } \\ & \text { kh } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} ? \\ \mathrm{ng} \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & c \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Q } \\ & \text { s } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { そ } \\ & \text { s. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} E \\ t \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\mathrm{a}} \\ & \text { the } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 28 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{O} \\ & \mathrm{~d} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { G } \\ & \mathrm{t} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 亿 } \\ & \overline{\mathrm{t}} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ' } \\ & \text { th' } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & n \\ & \text { th } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{8} \\ & \text { th } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23 \\ & \mathrm{n} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & u \\ & \mathrm{~b} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ป } \\ & \mathrm{p} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \xi \\ & \overline{\mathrm{p}} \mathrm{~h} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { £ั } \\ & \mathrm{f} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { טు } \\ & \mathrm{ph} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ひิ } \\ & \mathrm{f} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \Omega \\ & \text { ph } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & v \\ & \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { ย } \\ & \text { y } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{s} \\ & \mathbf{r} \end{aligned}$ | ê | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ปి } \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{S} \\ & \mathrm{w} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathcal{A} \\ \overline{\mathrm{s}} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { U } \\ & \stackrel{\text { ș }}{ } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { es } \\ & \bar{s} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \alpha \\ & \overline{\mathrm{s}} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ov } \\ & \overline{\mathrm{h}} \end{aligned}$ | w | 9 x | $\delta_{h}$ |

2．1．2 Bound Graphemes（eight full form characters，two special forms，and five graphemes borrowed from Akson－Tham－Isan）．

2．1．2．1 Bound Graphemes，or digraphs，are formed from two simple characters bound together as a single form．In the examples below，the two characters forming the digraph are shown in brackets．

2．1．2．1．1 உ5［2＋พ］e．g．，2ふろつ／k̄h．nād／（a whole lot）

2．1．2．1．2 $2 \boldsymbol{2}$［ + v］e．g．，2ふO๑／kh．mxd／（suffering）

2．1．2．1．3 คง $[ค+$ พ $]$ e．g．，คำ／kh．ning／（thinking of，missing）

2.1.2.1.5 యూ [ $\mathrm{CJ}+$ v] e.g., డ్పొ /s.mā/l (ask for forgiveness)



2.1.2.2 A special form consonant grapheme comprises two allographs, neither of which resembles the original character:
2.1.2.2.1 Initially, the grapheme is written

2.1.2.2.2 In final position the grapheme is written

โ /-xy/; e.g., Әิ /kh-xy/ (first person singular pronoun).
2.1.2.3 In some cases, graphemes from Akson-Tham-Isan script are used. There are seven Akson-Tham-Isan graphemes used in Akson-Thai-Noi:
2.1.2.3.1 G /k/
2.1.2.3.2 J $/-\mathbf{y} /$
2.1.2.3.3 $\quad$ \& $\quad l-y^{\prime} /$
2.1.2.3.4 व /_r/
2.1.2.3.5 $\quad$ /l/
2.1.2.3.6 चे $\quad / \overline{\mathrm{S}}$ '/
2.1.2.3.7
§ु $/ \mathrm{v} /$
2.2 Vowels and Special Markers
2.2.1 There are twenty-four vowel graphemes in Akson-Thai-Noi, representing twenty vowel sounds. One vowel, /aI/, exhibits four different graphemes (marked with an * in the table below).

| $\begin{aligned} & -\propto \\ & \mathrm{a} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\simeq$ -a | -2 $\bar{a}$ | - | $\circ$ - $-\bar{i}$ | - | - ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | $\mathrm{u}^{\overline{\mathrm{u}}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 6- } \\ & \text { e } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 66- } \\ & \text { ee } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { ¿- } \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6-2 \bar{\alpha} \\ \mathrm{e}-\bar{a} \mathrm{a} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -9 \\ & \mathrm{x} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text {-ऽ } \\ & \text {-aw } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { 6-ย } \\ \mathrm{e}-{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{ay} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -\varepsilon \\ & \mathrm{y} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & -J \\ & -y \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} 6^{\circ}-9 \\ e^{-}-\overline{i x} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6^{\circ}- \\ \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{i} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \circ-2 \\ & -x \text { x } \overline{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { て- } \\ & \text { ín } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \sigma^{6-2} \\ \mathrm{e}^{-}-\mathrm{a} \bar{a} \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |

There are only sixteen unique forms of vowel graphemes:

| $\begin{aligned} & -\approx \\ & \mathrm{a} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \circ \\ & 0 \\ & \text { a } \end{aligned}$ | -2 a | $\circ$ - - | $\stackrel{\circ}{-}$ | $\circ$ <br> - | - ${ }^{\text {u }}$ | _ $\begin{array}{r}\overline{\mathrm{u}} \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & 6- \\ & e \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 66- \\ & \text { ee } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathcal{E}- \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \circ-2 \\ -x \bar{a} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { て } \\ & \text { in } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| - | - | ${ }^{\circ}-\mathrm{x}$ |  |  |  |  |  |

2.2.2 Three special markers are used with or in place of vowel characters:

| $\begin{gathered} \sim \\ \text { mai } \\ \text { sat } \end{gathered}$ | -used as the vowel/-a/ with a final consonant; e.g., พัฒ $/ \mathrm{n}^{-} \mathrm{an} /$ (that) -used in conjunction with the vowel symbol 6- /e/ preceding a final consonant; e.g., สปั๊ง $/ \mathrm{ep}^{-}$an/ (be) <br> -used in the vowel dipthong $6-{ }^{\circ}$ ย /e $-{ }^{-}$ay/ when there is no final consonant; e.g., 6eگృ / $\overline{\mathrm{s}}^{-} \mathrm{ay} /$ (lost, loss). |
| :---: | :---: |
| mai <br> kong | -used to shorten the vowel $\mathcal{L} / \mathrm{o} /$ preceding a final consonant; e.g., คิม $/ \mathrm{k}^{-}$ạ $\mathrm{n} /$ (person) <br> -used in conjunction with the vowel symbol - $/ \mathrm{w} /$; e.g., ภ์ว $/ \mathrm{k}^{-} \mathrm{a} \mathrm{w} /$ (comparative marker), ข์๊ $/ \hbar^{-}$ạ w/ (head) <br> -used in conjunction with $6-2 / \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{a} /$; e.g., 6 อิว $/ \mathrm{ex}^{-} \mathrm{aa} /$ (take), <br>  |
| $\begin{gathered} \circ \\ m a i \end{gathered}$ | -used as the vowel -s /x̣/ without a final consonant; e.g., ชั /phx̣/ (enough, father), $\Omega \quad / \mathrm{kxp}$ / (therefore, thus) |

2.3 There are ten numeral graphemes:

| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O | ๑ | 6 | 2 | e | E |  | q | ஞ | $\bigcirc$ |

### 2.4 Combining Characters

Initial and final consonant characters in a Akson-Thai-Noi syllable are placed on the same line, with the vowel character placed in a position preceding, following, above or below the initial consonant or consonant cluster.
Above the line; \&̊ /sc / (name), 6บْรว /em ${ }^{-}$uxng / (town)

Preceding the accompanying consonant; $6 \boldsymbol{\omega}$ /eem / (mother), $\sigma 6 \Omega$ /eek / (old), $66 \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ /eet / (but)
Following the accompanying consonant; $\boldsymbol{\nu \jmath} / \mathrm{mā}$ (come), ธวభృ /rāsā/ (monarch)
3. Arrangement of character sequence
3.1 The conversion is made character by character from left to right.
3.2 A character may be accompanied by an upper level or a lower level character; the sequence of the characters must be as follows:
a. Type the consonant first; then
b. Type the upper level character or the lower level character
e.g., โัวย /p_lāy/ = 'end'

The order of typing must be as follows:
ป ~ 2 ย
คิ่ง $/ \mathrm{k}^{-} \mathrm{a} \mathrm{n} /=$ 'person'
The order of typing must be as follows:

4. Typing sequence

If a Roman character contains a combining diacritical mark, type the character before the mark,
e.g., $\overline{\mathrm{s}}$ The order of typing must be as follows: $\mathrm{s}^{-}$
s The order of typing must be as follows: s .
$\bar{s}^{\prime}$ The order of typing must be as follows: $\mathrm{s}^{-}$, ,

## Romanization of Akson-Thai-Noi

Special symbols: Refers to the seven symbols used to specify character position and differentiate one Roman character that represents the same sound converted from different Akson-Thai-Noi characters:

| Position: | $\mathrm{p}=$ preceding (HYPHEN-MINUS | $002 \mathrm{D})$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{f}=$ following | (HYPHEN-MINUS | $002 \mathrm{D})$ |  |
| $\mathrm{a}=$ above | (MODIFIER LETTER MACRON | $02 \mathrm{C} 9)$ |  |
|  | $\mathrm{b}=$ below | (MODIFIER LETTER LOW MACRON | $02 \mathrm{CD})$ |
|  | $\cdot=$ binding two characters together as a single form |  |  |
|  | $\quad$ (FULL STOP |  |  |

Combining Diacritical Marks:
COMBINING MACRON 0304
COMBINING DOT BELOW 0323
COMBINING MACRON BELOW 0331
COMBINING HORN 031B
Remarks:

1. Code position of Akson-Thai-Noi character in ISO/IEC 10646 will be added later.
2. Some fonts may be modified as appropriate.

| No. | Akson- <br> Thai-Noi character | Code position in ISO/IEC 10646 | Romanized character | Code position(s) of Romanized characters in ISO/IEC 10646 | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\Omega$ |  | k | 006B | THAI NOI CHARACTER KA |
| 2 | 2 |  | $\overline{\mathrm{k}}$ h | 006B+0304+0068 | THAI NOI CHARACTER KHA 1 |
| 3 | 2 |  | k̄h | 006B+0304+0323+0068 | THAI NOI CHARACTER KHA 2 |
| 4 | ค |  | kh | 006B+0068 | THAI NOI CHARACTER KHA 3 |
| 5 | 9 |  | ng | 006E+0067 | THAI NOI CHARACTER NG |
| 6 | 2 |  | C | 0063 | THAI NOI CHARACTER CA |
| 7 | ¢ |  | S | 0073 | THAI NOI CHARACTER SA 1 |
| 8 | ๆ |  | S | 0073+0323 | THAI NOI CHARACTER SA 2 |
| 9 | $\varepsilon 9$ |  | t | 0074+0323 | THAI NOI CHARACTER TA 1 |
| 10 | \% |  | ṭh | 0074+0304+0323+0068 | THAI NOI CHARACTER THA 1 |
| 11 | ก8 |  | n | 006E+0323 | THAI NOI CHARACTER NA 1 |
| 12 | ๑ |  | d | 0064 | THAI NOI CHARACTER DA |
| 13 | G |  | t | 0074 | THAI NOI CHARACTER TA 2 |
| 14 | ${ }^{\square}$ |  | th | 0074+0304+0068 | THAI NOI CHARACTER THA 2 |
| 15 | ' |  | th' | 0074+0304+0068+031B | THAI NOI CHARACTER THA 3 |
| 16 | ท |  | th | 0074+0068 | THAI NOI CHARACTER THA 4 |
| 17 | 8 |  | th | 0074+0323+0068 | THAI NOI CHARACTER THA 5 |
| 18 | 2 |  | n | 006E | THAI NOI CHARACTER NA 2 |
| 19 | U |  | b | 0062 | THAI NOI CHARACTER BA |
| 20 | ข |  | p | 0070 | THAI NOI CHARACTER PA |
| 21 | $\xi$ |  | $\overline{\mathrm{p}} \mathrm{h}$ | 0070+0304+0068 | THAI NOI CHARACTER PHA 1 |
| 22 | £ |  | $\overline{\mathrm{f}}$ | 0066+0304 | THAI NOI CHARACTER FA 1 |
| 23 | ขง |  | ph | 0070+0068 | THAI NOI CHARACTER PHA 2 |
| 24 | ขิ |  | f | 0066 | THAI NOI CHARACTER FA 2 |
| 25 | $\bigcirc$ |  | ph | 0070+0323+0068 | THAI NOI CHARACTER PHA 3 |


| No. | Akson- <br> Thai-Noi <br> character | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Code position } \\ \text { in ISO/IEC } \\ 10646 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Romanized character | Code position(s) of Romanized characters in ISO/IEC 10646 | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26 | U |  | m | 006D | THAI NOI CHARACTER MA |
| 27 | ย |  | y | 0079 | THAI NOI CHARACTER YA 1 |
| 28 | -J |  | -y | 002D+0079 | THAI NOI CHARACTER YA 2 |
| 29 | 3 |  | -y' | 002D+0079+031B | THAI NOI CHARACTER YA 3 |
| 30 | S |  | r | 0072 | THAI NOI CHARACTER RA 1 |
| 31 | 2 |  | - | 02CD+0072 | THAI NOI CHARACTER RA 2 |
| 32 | อิ |  | 1 | 006C | THAI NOI CHARACTER LA 1 |
| 33 | ลิ |  | 19 | 006C+031B | THAI NOI CHARACTER LA 2 |
| 34 | え |  | -1 | $02 \mathrm{CD}+006 \mathrm{C}$ | THAI NOI CHARACTER LA 3 |
| 35 | 5 |  | W | 0077 | THAI NOI CHARACTER WA |
| 36 | A |  | $\overline{\mathrm{S}}$ | $0073+0304+0323$ | THAI NOI CHARACTER SA 3 |
| 37 | $\downarrow$ |  | $\overline{\mathbf{S}}{ }^{\prime}$ | $0073+0304+0323+031 \mathrm{~B}$ | THAI NOI CHARACTER SA 4 |
| 38 | -) |  | - $\overline{\mathbf{S}}$, | $\begin{gathered} 002 \mathrm{D}+0073+0304+0323+ \\ 031 \mathrm{~B} \end{gathered}$ | THAI NOI CHARACTER SA 5 |
| 39 | e |  | $\overline{\text { S }}$ | 0073+0304 | THAI NOI CHARACTER SA 6 |
| 40 | $\checkmark$ |  | $\overline{\mathrm{S}}$ ' | 0073+0304+031B | THAI NOI CHARACTER SA 7 |
| 41 | ข |  | $\overline{\mathrm{h}}$ | 0068+0304 | THAI NOI CHARACTER HA 1 |
| 42 | 9 |  | X | 0078 | THAI NOI CHARACTER O |
| 43 | $\stackrel{ }{\circ}$ |  | X | 02C9+0078+0323 | THAI NOI MAI KO |
| 44 | 5 |  | h | 0068 | THAI NOI CHARACTER HA 2 |
| 45 | 25 |  | kh.n | $\begin{gathered} 006 \mathrm{~B}+0304+0068+002 \mathrm{E} \\ +006 \mathrm{E} \end{gathered}$ | THAI NOI CHARACTER KHA 1 + NA 2 |
| 46 | 25 |  | $\overline{\mathrm{k}} \mathrm{h} . \mathrm{m}$ | $\begin{gathered} 006 \mathrm{~B}+0304+0068+002 \mathrm{E} \\ +006 \mathrm{D} \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\substack{\text { THAI NOI CHARACTER KHA } 1 \\+\mathrm{MA}}}{ }$ |
| 47 | ค |  | kh.n | $\begin{gathered} \hline 006 \mathrm{~B}+0068+002 \mathrm{E}+ \\ 006 \mathrm{E} \end{gathered}$ | THAI NOI CHARACTER KHA 3 + NA 2 |
| 48 | cos |  | $\overline{\text { S }} . \mathrm{n}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0073+0304+002 \mathrm{E}+ \\ 006 \mathrm{E} \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { NA }}{\text { THAI NOI CHARACTER SA } 3+}$ |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 49 | ల్రు |  | S. m | $\begin{gathered} 0073+0304+002 \mathrm{E}+ \\ 006 \mathrm{D} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { THAI NOI CHARACTER SA } 3+}{\text { MA }}$ |
| 50 | 50 |  | th.n | $\begin{gathered} 0074+0304+002 \mathrm{E}+ \\ 006 \mathrm{E} \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\mathrm{NA}}{\text { THAI NOI CHARACTER THA } 1+}$ |
| 51 | ข25 |  | $\overline{\mathrm{h}} . \mathrm{n}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0068+0304+002 \mathrm{E}+ \\ 006 \mathrm{E} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { NA }}{\text { THAI NOI CHARACTER HA } 1+}$ |
| 52 | บ5 |  | $\overline{\mathrm{h}} . \mathrm{m}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0068+0304+002 \mathrm{E}+ \\ 006 \mathrm{D} \end{gathered}$ | THAI NOI CHARACTER HA $1+$ MA |
| 53 | ह |  | xy- | 0078+0079+002D | THAI NOI PRECEDING CHARACTER O+ YA |
| 54 | $\delta$ |  | -xy | 002D+0078+0079 | THAI NOI FOLLOWING CHARACTER O+ YA |
| 55 | - |  | a | 0061 | THAI NOI SARA A 1 |
| 56 | : |  | $\underline{\text { a }}$ | 0061+0331 | THAI NOI SARA A 2 |
| 57 | $\checkmark$ |  | a | 02C9+0061 | THAI NOT MAI SAT |
| 58 | $\stackrel{ }{\square}$ |  | a | $02 \mathrm{C} 9+0061+0323$ | THAI NOI MAI KONG |
| 59 | -2 |  | $\overline{\mathrm{a}}$ | 0061+0304 | THAI NOI SARA AA |
| 60 | $\bigcirc$ |  | i | 02C9+0069 | THAI NOI SARA I |
| 61 | $\stackrel{ }{\circ}$ |  | $\overline{\mathrm{i}}$ | 02C9+0069+0304 | THAI NOI SARA II |
| 62 | ${ }^{\circ}$ |  | - ${ }_{1}$ | 02C9+0075+0323 | THAI NOI SARA UE |
| 63 | 1 |  | _u | 02CD+0078 | THAI NOI SARA U |
| 64 | u |  | _ ${ }^{\text {u }}$ | $02 \mathrm{CD}+0078+0069$ | THAI NOI SARA UU |
| 65 | 6 - |  | e | 0065 | THAI NOI SARA E |
| 66 | $66-$ |  | ee | 0065+0065 | THAI NOI SARA AE |
| 67 | $\varepsilon$ |  | 0 | 006F | THAI NOI SARA O |
| 68 | ? |  | 1 | 0069+0323 | THAI NOI SARA AI |
| 69 | 0 |  | 0 | 0030 | THAI NOI DIGIT 0 |
| 70 | ๑ |  | 1 | 0031 | THAI NOI DIGIT 1 |
| 71 | $\bigcirc$ |  | 2 | 0032 | THAI NOI DIGIT 2 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 72 | \$ |  | 3 | 0033 | THAI NOI DIGIT 3 |
| 73 | G |  | 4 | 0034 | THAI NOI DIGIT 4 |
| 74 | E |  | 5 | 0035 | THAI NOI DIGIT 5 |
| 75 | ๑ி |  | 6 | 0036 | THAI NOI DIGIT 6 |
| 76 | q |  | 7 | 0037 | THAI NOI DIGIT 7 |
| 77 | ஐ |  | 8 | 0038 | THAI NOI DIGIT 8 |
| 78 | ல |  | 9 | 0039 | THAI NOI DIGIT 9 |

Note that
$x \_y=$ grapheme y is placed below grapheme x

$$
\text { e.g., } \sim \quad=\quad 1
$$

ปัวย /p_lāy/ = 'end'
x.y $=\quad$ grapheme y is bound to grapheme x
$x^{-} y=$ grapheme $y$ is placed above grapheme $x$
$y-x=$ grapheme $x$ is placed following grapheme $y$

$$
\text { e.g., } \int=-\mathrm{xy}
$$

ชิ /kh-xy/ = 'first person singular pronoun'
$x-y=$ grapheme x is placed preceding grapheme y
e.g., ย $=\mathrm{xy}$ -

ปัวดนัว $/ \mathrm{xy}-\bar{a}^{\mathrm{adn}}{ }^{-} \mathrm{x}$ a $\overline{\mathrm{a}} /=$ 'to offer up in merit'

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { e.g., }-\quad=\quad \text { - } \\
& \text { คิ่ } / \mathrm{k}^{-} \mathrm{a} \mathrm{n} /=\text { 'person' }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { e.g., พை }=\overline{\mathrm{h}} . \mathrm{m} \\
& \text { ข22ת / } \hbar \mathrm{mā} \mathrm{k} /=\text { 'fruit' }
\end{aligned}
$$


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ "Akson" means "a letter of the alphabet" in Sanskrit.
    In ISO 639, Alpha- 2 code for Thai is "th" and Alpha-3 code is "tha", so Akson-tham-Isan will be proposed as "ai" and "ati"; and Akson-Thai-Noi as "an" and "atn."
    ${ }^{2}$ The "Royal Institute of Thailand" underwent a name change to the "Royal Society of Thailand" in accordance with the Royal Society Act, BE 2558 (14 February 2015).

