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Standardization of geographical names in Japan

Summary**

In Japan, geographical names are collected, arranged and standardized by relevant Government agencies. As a result, the standardization of geographical names is a well-coordinated effort involving various related agencies that all have clearly defined tasks. Efforts towards standardization include the following:

- Standardization of residential geographical names
- Unification of geographical names of natural features
- Adoption of geographical names of undersea features
- Adoption of geographical names of Antarctica
- Preparation of a national geographical names gazetteer

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** The full report was prepared by the Government of Japan and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.

