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**Toponymic data files and gazetteers (data processing and
tools, database management, data dissemination: products
and services) (Working Group on Toponymic Data Files
and Gazetteers)****Romanization experiment of the web map using
geographical name information in vector tile data****Summary****

The Geospatial Information Authority of Japan has developed on an experimental basis a romanized web map using geographical name information in vector tile data. Through a web browser voice reading function, the web map allows users to hear the correct Japanese pronunciation of geographical name information. The romanized web map will be an effective tool for encouraging smoother communication of geographical name information and is expected to contribute to disseminating correct pronunciation of geographical names.

* [GEGN.2/2019/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/24/CRP.24.

