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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries
and on the progress made in the standardization of
geographical names****Standardization of Geographical Names in Japan****Summary****

In Japan, geographical names are collected, arranged and standardized by relevant governmental agencies to promote their administrative activities. As a consequence, the standardization of geographical names is a well-coordinated effort involving various related organizations that all have clearly defined tasks. Efforts towards standardization include the following: the standardization of geographical names of administrative districts; the unification of geographical names of natural features; the standardization of geographical names of undersea features; the adoption of Antarctic geographical names; and the national geographical names gazetteer.

The national geographical names gazetteer will be updated in 2021.

* [GEGN.2/2021/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/38/CRP.38, in the language of submission only, at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/.

