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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.

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