

## Response to the Public Comments

Japanese GP (JGP) acknowledges and appreciates the comments submitted to its proposal.

One of the comments suggested JGP's consideration on additional relationship between Hiragana and Katakana. JGP's response is shown below.

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JGP's view :

No change is necessary to the current proposal.

Reason :

Katakana is mainly used to represent loanwords and onomatopoeic words. On the other hand, Hiragana is mainly used as suffixes to Kanji to complete the full reading of the word, for adverbs, conjunctions, and to rewrite difficult Kanji into forms for easy writing and reading.

The above is clearly described in Section 3 (1) of the current Japanese Script RZ-LGR Supporting Document to show that Hiragana strings and Katakana strings are for denoting different words even if they happen to have corresponding Hiragana and Katakana characters with the same pronunciation. Users are rarely confused by the correspondence between Hiragana and Katakana.

Therefore, JGP considers it's not necessary to make any changes to the rules or to the support documents.

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