ISO 639-3 Registration Authority
Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

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Associated Change request number : 2021-045 (completed by Registration Authority)
Tentative assignment of new identifier : hlh (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION
   a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
      Hai Lok Hong
   b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
      Hai Lok Hong (海陸丰话)
   c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
      Hoklo, Haklau, Haiulfeng; 海陸豐話, 海豐話, 陸豐話, 汕尾話, 學老話; 海丰话, 陆丰话, 汕尾话, 学老话
   d) Reason for preferred name:
      In formal situations, Haklau speakers seem to prefer using the names of the places where it is spoken: Hai Hong, Lok Hong, or Swabue. Hai Lok Hong is a portmanteau that covers all three places (including Swabue). For additional information, please refer to the paper accompanying this submission (Appendix A-5).

Attachment: https://github.com/KIRINPUTRA/reclassifying-ISO-639-3-nan
e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
The regional government estimates Haklau speakers at 2.65 million, out of a population of 3.56 million in the Hai Lok Hong region. Haklau speakers also refer to themselves as “Haklau.” For additional information on this and all following items, please refer to the paper accompanying this submission (§2.5).

f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: hlh

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifiers is not intended to be an abbreviation for a name of the language, but to serve as a device to identify a given language uniquely. With thousands of languages, many sets of which have similar names, it is not possible to provide identifiers that resemble a language name in every case.

2. TEMPORAL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION

a) Is this a ☑ Living language
☐ Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
☐ Recently extinct language
☐ Historical language
☐ Ancient language
☐ Artificially constructed language
☐ Macrolanguage

(Select one. See explanations of these types at http://www.sil.org/iso639-2D3/types.asp)

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used: China (incl. Hong Kong).

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
Hai Hong (Haifeng), Lok Hong (Lufeng), and Swabue (Shanwei) of Canton (Guangdong Province).

d) For an ancient or historical language, give approximate time frame; for a recently extinct language, give the approximate date of the last known user’s death

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

a) This language is: ☐ Signed ☑ Spoken ☐ Attested only in writings

b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
Ethnologue: Sino-Tibetan
c) Closest language linguistically. For a Macrolanguage, list the individual languages (adopted and/or proposed) to be included in its group. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
Hokkien and Teochew.

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
We are not aware of vernacular literature, nor a romanized missionary script. There is local media in Haklau.

b) Is this language officially recognized by any level of government? Is it used in any levels of formal education as a language of instruction (for other subjects)? Is it taught in schools?:
Haklau is not official anywhere, and was used unofficially as a language of instruction until probably some point in the 2000s.

c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
Politically subordinate to Mandarin. Culturally and economically, the Haklau-speaking region is now a satellite of the Pearl Delta. Young and middle-aged Haklau speakers are fluent in Cantonese and familiar with Cantonese mass media. Some migrants to the Pearl Delta shift to Cantonese rapidly. There is some familiarity with Hokkien entertainment media. Please refer to the paper accompanying this submission (§2.5).

* Speakers of this language share in the Chinese macro-ethnolinguistic identity.
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

You do not need to repeat sources previously identified in the form, “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code”

a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):

Please return this form to:

ISO 639-3 Registrar
SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems
7500 West Camp Wisdom Road
Dallas, Texas 75236 USA
Email: iso639-3@sil.org
An email attachment of this completed form is preferred.

Further information:

If your request for a new language code element is supported by the Registration Authority as a formal proposal, you may be contacted separately by researchers working with the Ethnologue or with LinguistList asking you to provide additional information.

Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers:

