Tai Nüa / ᥖᥭᥰᥖᥬᥴ ᥒᥫᥲᥑᥨᥒᥰ Dāi Dâuehōng

romanization: KNAB 2013 (based on *pinyin*)

I. Consonant characters

1	ᥐ	ga	6	ᥧ	ya	11	ᥛ	pa	16	ᥰ	'a
2	ᥑ	ha	7	ᥘ	da	12	ᥜ	ma	17	ᥚ	ka
3	ᥒ	nga	8	ᥙ	ta	13	ᥞ	fa	18	ᥡ	ca
4	ᥓ	za	9	ᥟ	la	14	ᥝ	wa	19	ᥢ	na
5	ᥔ	sa	10	ᥖ	ba	15	ᥠ	hha			

II. Vowel characters (ᥐ stands for any consonant character)

1	ᥐ	a	4	ᥐᥥ	e	7	ᥐᥨ	o	10	ᥐᥪ	oe
2	ᥐᥣ	aa	5	ᥐᥦ	ae	8	ᥐᥩ	oa	11	ᥐᥰ	aue
3	ᥐᥤ	i	6	ᥐᥧ	u	9	ᥐᥬ	ue	12	ᥨᥐᥭ	ai

III. Tone marks (ᥐ denotes any syllable-beginning)

1	ᥐ	a	3	ᥐᥰ	ă	5	ᥐᥴ	â
2	ᥐᥲ	ā	4	ᥐᥱ	à	6	ᥐᥳ	á

The tones were earlier (1956–1988) denoted by diacritics: 2 ˮ, 3 ˇ, 4 ˋ, 5 ˆ, 6 ˊ. Tone marks are written at the end of a syllable.

Pronunciation

aa [aː], **ae** [ɛ], **aue** [aɯ], **b** [p], **c** [tsʰ], **d** [t], **g** [k], **h** [x], **hh** [h], **k** [kʰ], **ng** [ŋ], **oa** [ɔ], **oe** [ə], **p** [pʰ], **t** [tʰ], **ue** [ɯ], **y** [j], **z** [ts], **'** [ʔ].

Tones: 1 middle [33], 2 high level [55, ˦], 3 low level [11], 4 low falling [31], 5 high falling [53, ˥], 6 rising [35, ˧].

Notes

1. Tai Nüa or Dehong Dai (ᥘᥛᥰᥖᥭᥰᥖᥬᥴ ᥒᥫᥲᥑᥨᥒᥰ *hāam Dāi Dâuehōng* or ᥘᥛᥰᥖᥭᥰᥘᥪᥴ *hāam Dāi Lóe*) is written in Tai Le script that has been improved in the 1950's and 1980's.

2. If a consonant has no vowel character, it is pronounced syllable-initially with an inherent [a] and syllable-finally without a vowel.

3. Tai Nüa has no consonant combinations, syllable-final sounds are *ue, i, w, m, n, ng, p, t, k*.

4. In Tai Le script words are usually not separated but in romanization lexemes may be divided. Should there be a space in Tai Le, it could be denoted by a middle dot after the preceding word.

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