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In the WG#42 meeting in Dublin, Singapore have abstained from the resolution M42.13 (Compatibility Hanja characters).

We agreed that CJK Compatibility characters are a necessary part of the standard for round-trip, and for accurate display and other purposes.

However, *all* CJK Compatibility characters are a “variant” of an existing Ideograph. In many cases, it is no more than just “font variant”. This implies that for *any* existing ideograph, it is possible to derive many variants that is used in some particular context. This means we are dealing with a very potential large set of CJK Compatibility characters, perhaps multiple times larger than the existing 71,000 ideographs.

Therefore, we believe that WG2 should look into other ways to represent these CJK Compatibility characters. We would recommend to use “Variant Selector” for this purpose in future.

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