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The UTC (*Unicode Technical Committee*) and other experts in the US have been involved in the following standardization-related activities since the IRG #62 meeting took place:

1. [Unicode Version 16.0](#) was successfully released on 2024-09-10:
 - Two new CJK strokes, U+31E4 and U+31E5, were added to the [CJK Strokes](#) block.
 - The [Unihan Database Lookup](#) page was updated for Unicode Version 16.0.
 - [UTN #43](#) (*Unihan Database Property “kStrange”*) and [UTN #45](#) (*Unihan Property History*) were updated for Unicode Version 16.0.
 - A new data file, [RSIndex.txt](#), which is a “plain text” representation of the Radical-Stroke Index (PDF) that is included with the Unicode Standard, [RSIndex.pdf](#), was added to the Unicode Standard.
 - The open source [Last Resort Font](#) project was updated for Unicode Version 16.0.
2. The Unihan database that is associated with Unicode Version 16.0 includes the following noteworthy changes (see [UAX #38](#) for more details):
 - The provisional *kFrequency* property was removed.
 - The new provisional *kFanqie* (反切) property, which covers more than 20,000 CJK Unified Ideographs, was added.
 - The new provisional *kZhuang* property, which covers nearly 2,500 CJK Unified Ideographs, was added.
 - The normative *kIRG_JSource* property was expanded to include more than 36,000 additional J-source source references, all of which use the “JMJ-” source prefix that corresponds to Japan’s [Moji Jōhō Kiban](#) (文字情報基盤) database.
 - The syntax of the informative *kRSUnicode* property was updated to accommodate a second non-Chinese simplified radical through the use of three apostrophes.
3. The UTC submitted 244 ideographs for IRG Working Set 2024 as document [IRG N2687](#).
4. UTC experts reviewed and submitted comments against the UTC-assigned portion of [IRG Working Set 2024 Version 1.0](#), specifically serial numbers 02334 through 03503, prior to the 2024-09-20 deadline, and will have responded to comments against UTC-submitted ideographs by the 2024-10-18 deadline.
5. The [UTC CJK & Unihan Working Group](#), which reports to the UTC, continues to meet approximately three weeks prior to each quarterly UTC meeting. See documents [L2/24-067](#) and [L2/24-165](#) for the CJK & Unihan Working Group recommendations that were prepared for the UTC #179 and UTC #180 meetings, respectively. The CJK & Unihan Working Group recommendations for the UTC #181 meeting will be posted as document L2/24-227 shortly after the IRG #63 meeting. As a reminder, IRG experts are welcome to join the CJK & Unihan Working Group, which meets four times per year as a virtual Zoom meeting. The next CJK & Unihan Working Group meeting, in preparation for the UTC #182 meeting, is scheduled to take place on 2025-01-03 from 6 to 9PM PST (GMT Minus 8).

That is all.