

Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set
UCS

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1. 24 Taiwanese & Hakka characters are urgent need for encoding:

Taiwan's MOE (Ministry of Education) had collected 2,518 Taiwanese characters and 2,772 Hakka characters. Most of those characters are currently used in the textbooks for homeland courses in primary schools and junior high schools. From them, MOE found 33 new characters outside UCS. TCA double checked those 33 characters and found that nine characters should be unified. TCA proposed to add these 24 characters as urgent need characters for encoding. Please refer to the document IRG N1305 and its attachment.

2. The progression of old Hanzi work:

The old Hanzi expert group held a working meeting in Harbin, China on September 13th – 15th, 2007. They reviewed the consolidated old Hanzi set in IRG N1345. In addition, they discussed the document IRG N1346. The report from the meeting please refer to the document IRG N1354.

3. The standard “Sorting attributes for Chinese data processing” is being revised:

Based on the project from BSMI (Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection, the organization for standardization in Taiwan), a standard named “CNS 14754: Sorting attributes for Chinese data processing” is being revised by CMEX (Chinese Foundation for Digitization Technology). CNS 14754 specified five attributes of Chinese characters: radix, stroke count without radix, total stroke count, stroke sequence and pronunciation. The attribute radix of a Chinese character is given by means of Kanxi radices. The attribute pronunciation of a Chinese character is presented in the form of Liu's code. Those attributes are intended used to sort formatted Chinese data, such as names of people. Because CNS 11643-1 specified a new classification to the basic stroke for

Chinese characters, the attribute stroke sequences must be revised according the new classification.

4. Award to www.cns11643.gov.tw:

The Electronic Data Processing center of the Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics got the Gold Penguin Award because its long term effort to build and maintain the official web site for promoting CNS 11643 and relative standards. The Gold Penguin Award because was created for encouraging the developing and promoting works on the open software.