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1 Japan National Body Activities

1.1 Overview

JNB for SC2 (JSC2) is set at the IPSJ/ITSCJ (Information Processing Society of Japan, Information Technology Standards Commissions of Japan) and the committee monthly meets face-to-face. This committee is responsible to the all JTC1/SC2 activities. It has 18 members and 11 observers, who are experts of coded character sets and/or ideographic characters.

1.2 Recent Activities related IRG

As resolved at the last IRG meeting (IRG M29.9), Japan revised IRG N1397 and submitted to WG2. This document was accepted in the last WG2 meeting and consequently characters in the document will be incorporated into Amendment 5.

Japan also worked on CJK B, CJK D, Annex S revision, and UNC in accordance with IRG activities.

1.3 Attending to the International Meetings

5 delegates attended the IRG San Jose meeting in Nov. 2007, and 3 delegates attended the WG2 Redmond meeting in April.

1.4 Personnel Matters

(a) Mr. Anan has resigned from all SC2 activities because of his main business.

(b) JSC2 invited Prof. SUZUKI as a member of the committee. He is one of the most active Jiaguwen experts in Japan. He is attending this meeting and will contribute to the old hanzi project.

2. Studies on the ideographs for Japanese e-government system

METI (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry) continues studying on the real usage of Kanji glyphs for Japanese e-government. This project is known as "Promotion of the standardization of character encoding and the operation of a database (汎用電子情報交換環境整備プログラム)" which is based on IT Policy Package - 2005 adopted by the IT Strategic Headquarters of Japanese government.

The study has been almost finished within this year, and Japan will submit new proposals to IRG based on the outcomes.

3. WG2 related issues

3.1 IDS database for inclusion in the standards (WG2 M52.27-b)

Japan recognizes the efficiency sharing IDS database as a part of standards. However the database still has errors. Mr. Kawabata is making effort to refine the database and the latest fileset can be obtained from the public Internet server. So Japan proposes to show the URL in the standards

instead.

http://cvs.m17n.org/viewcvs/chise/ids/?only_with_tag=kawabata

3.2 Study on the multicolumn format for ideograph charts (WG2 M52.26)

Japan basically agrees to the proposed compact format and also has some comment relating with the current works.

- (a) CJK D, UNC and HKSCS extensions in WG2 N3398 should be follow these formats from the next draft.
- (b) CJK B should include the original glyph column for the consistency to the current standard.
- (c) Other charts (i.e. CJK A, CJK C) should be revised in the future work.

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