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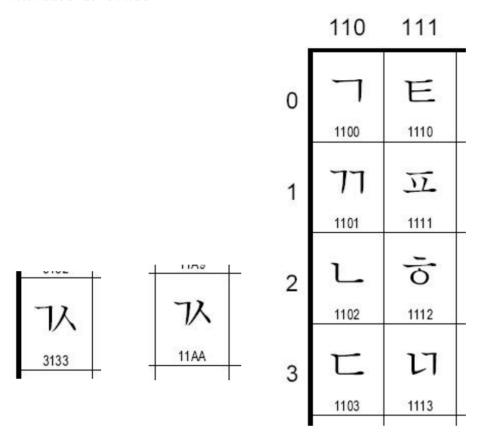
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Subject: A response to WG2 N3458 (2008.04.21) Kent Karlsson's proposal

- 1. We appreciate Kent Karlsson's interest and proposal regarding Hangul.
 - We had some difficulty understanding his proposal and rationale.
 - Finally we seem to have understood his idea.
- 2. In general, a Hangul consonantal letter can be used in one of three ways:
 - a) as a syllable-initial letter only;
 - b) as a syllable-final letter only;
 - c) as a syllable-initial letter and as a syllable-final letter.
- 3. The nine characters proposed by him seem to come from U31xx Hangul Compatibility Jamo block.
- Those consonant characters in 31xx can be used in one of three ways mentioned in 2 above and we included letters in 11xx Hangul Jamo block "accordingly".
- His proposal seems based on a misunderstanding of the properties of those nine characters. They are used only as syllable-final letters.
- As we can see in 11xx block, all 9 letters are already included as syllable-final letters. However, since they are "not" used as syllable-initial letters, they are "not" included as syllable-initial letters "accordingly".

- We will give one example:
- . He suggested a new "A97D", which is a syllable-initial letter corresponding to U3133 (KIYEOK-SIOS).
- . However U3133 is used only as a syllable-final letter and already included as U11AA.



4. Our conclusion

- His proposal seem based on a misunderstanding of usage of those nine Hangul letters.
- Therefore, we suggest that we do not add those 9 letters to Hangul Jamo-Extended block.
- If our response is wrong or based on a wrong assumption, please let us know.

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