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Since 2000, The Institute of Han Nom Studies changes its policies on computerization of its document repertoire in emphasizing on development of electronic libraries, budgets for encoding and implementing issues are reduced.

Although there is still more 1000 Nom characters which is not yet encoded in any code table, but due to the budget cuts, no more actions in collecting and revising them is realised. According to the new director of the Institute, the Institute cannot afford longer for participating in IRG activities in the near future. The result is that Vietnamese delegates will be reduced in the next year, even Vietnam would like to follow up IRG's activities.

The international conference on Nom documents and electronic libraries is still going to be held in Vietnam in 2000 anyway to:

1. Review activities on Nom documents processing and electronic libraries
2. Demonstration of the IT capabilities on supporting libraries in processing related to Chu Nom.
3. Discussion on collecting Nom documents in the world.
4. Development further cooperation between Nom groups and libraries in the world.

The conference is to be held in October, 2000 in Hanoi or Hochiminh City.