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1 Japanese National Body Activities

1.1 Overview

Japan has two committees for the SC2 related issues. They both belong to the IPSJ/ITSCJ (Information Processing Society of Japan, Information Technology Standards Commissions of Japan.) One of the committees is the higher-level committee called JSC2 that acts for the SC2, WG2 and WG3 matters. Another is called KWG (which stands for Kanji Working Group) that acts for the IRG matters. Each committee regularly meets every month.

KWG consists of 18 members and 5 observers, who are experts of coded character sets and ideographic characters. KWG had four meetings since the last IRG meeting.

1.2 Recent Activities

The KWG's effort within a month after the last IRG meeting was spend for the final review of Extension-B code chart. The group spent most of other five months from the last IRG meeting for Extensions-C related discussion.

1.3 Attending International Meetings

Four delegates from KWG attended the last IRG meeting in Seoul.

Three members of JSC2 attended the last SC2/WG2 meetings in Singapore.

2 Related Activities

2.1 Committee for Coded Character Set Standardization Perspectives

Early in this year, ITSCJ started a committee called Committee for Coded Character Set Standardization Perspectives to discuss Kanji-related issues. The committee membership has some overlap with KWG and JSC2.

The committee is now focusing on standardized handling of variant ideographs.

2.2 JCS Committee

Early in this year, INSTAC (Information Technology Research and Standardization Center) of JSA (Japan Standardization Association) started JCS Committee to revise JIS X 0208, X 0213, and related standards. They are discussing about the relationship between JIS and Standard Kanji Forms for Printing.

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