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None

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Follows

Since IRG meeting #17 (Hong Kong), version 3.1.1 of the Unicode Standard has been released. This consists largely of updates and corrigenda to the Unicode character properties database. A new version of the UniHan database has also been released, and work has continued to expand and correct the contents of the UniHan database.

The online version of the UniHan database has been rewritten and is now available at <<http://www.unicode.org/charts/unihan.html>>. The revised online database now includes the complete contents of the database. Characters can be represented either as embedded GIFs or via UTF-8. It also uses the online Chinese and Japanese word dictionaries, CEDICT and EDICT, to provide a list of compounds.

As was discussed at IRG #17, we have set up a mailing list to be used by IRG members, irg@unicode.org, and we strongly encourage all IRG participants to sign up. This will make it possible for IRG business to be conducted via a single mailing address, rather than with a large conglomeration of addresses. To subscribe, send a blank e-mail to "listar@unicode.org" and make the subject line be "subscribe irg".

Work is continuing on the publication of Unicode version 3.2. This will include a complete set of the compatibility ideographs required by JIS X 0213, and a new version of the UniHan database will be released in conjunction with it containing extensive corrections and new data. Unicode version 3.2 is currently scheduled for release in early 2002.

At UTC meeting 89, held in Mountain View, California in November 2001, a number of

decisions were made which may have an impact on IRG work. We are submitting other papers to the IRG which cover these matters.