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The Directoriat of Standards and Quality of Vietnam TCVN have published a new IT standard TCVN 6909:2001 for Vietnamese roman script in September, in which all Vietnamese roman characters and their codepoints in ISO-IEC 10646 are accepted. This is the first step to approve ISO-IEC 10646 as a national standard.

Based on the new standard, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment is carrying out many measures to promote the use of the new standard in administration from 6/2002. The Prime Minister will soon issue a degree relating to use the new standard in every activities of the government.

Relating to IRG's work, the Institute of Sino-Nom Studies is now responsible for every activities of Vietnam in IRG, the rest of ideographs of every minorities in Vietnam can be contributed into IRG repertoire with the support from the Institute. Vietnam is willing to host IRG#20 meeting in December 2002 at Ha Noi. The Institute will be the host for the upcoming meeting.

A new proposal for 1260 Nom characters was compiled by Vietnam IRG members and is submitted to IRG to be considered for Extension C, so that the total of Nom characters proposed to include into Extension C is now 2309.

Beside that Vietnam proposes to modify the mapping table in SuperCJK and ISO-IEC 10646 for Chu Nom by adding 307 characters existed in Vietnam sources but not yet proposed into IRG repertoire before.

The Institute of Linguistics of Vietnam is responsible for every activities relating to scripts of minorities of Vietnam, outside of ideographs, such as Cham script and Viet Tai script into ISO-IEC 10646.

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