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1 Japan National Body Activities

1.1 Overview

JNB for SC2 (JSC2) is set at the IPSJ/ITSCJ (Information Processing Society of Japan, Information Technology Standards Commissions of Japan) and the committee monthly meets face-to-face. This committee is responsible to the all JTC1/SC2 activities. It has 18 members and 11 observers, who are experts of coded character sets and/or ideographic characters.

1.2 Recent Activities related IRG

Japan worked on UNC, CJK D, Annex S revision, and P&P in accordance with IRG activities.

1.3 Attending to the International Meetings

4 delegates attended the IRG Busan meeting in June 2008, and 1 delegate attended the WG2 Hong Kong meeting in October.

2. Studies on the ideographs for Japanese e-government system

METI (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry) continues studying on the real usage of Kanji glyphs for Japanese e-government. This project is known as "Promotion of the standardization of character encoding and the operation of a database (汎用電子情報交換環境整備プログラム)" which is based on IT Policy Package - 2005 adopted by the IT Strategic Headquarters of Japanese government.

This activity will be concluded on Mar 2009. With outcomes from this activity, JNB submitted a proposal of glyph variants to include into compatibility ideographs to WG2 (WG2 N3530/IRG N1499). JNB is also studying on other glyphs which can not be unified to already encoded ideographs and they need to be proposed as unified ideographs candidates. IRG N1521 is a list of such glyphs. They need more time to make precise list and this time Japan shows as a preview for information. Japan will brush up them to submit proposal to the future extensions.

3. Font issue according to WG2 request

According to the WG2 discussion, Japan is arranging how to prepare font (CJK-URO, Ext. A) for publish 10646 new version but it seems to be difficult to catch the target date (i.e. 2008-12-31) Japan will make effort to this issue and consult 10646 project editor for the possible target date.

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