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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 10 observers, who are experts of coded character sets and/or ideographic characters.

1.2 Recent Activities related IRG

Japan worked on reviewing ideographic repertoire, Annex S revision and IRG PnP draft. Also Japan did its best to prepare and submit fonts for printing new version of ISO/IEC10646.

1.3 Attending to the International Meetings

4 delegates attended the IRG Kunming meeting in Nov. 2008, and 3 delegates attended the WG2 Dublin meeting in April.

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

METI (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry) concluded the study on the real usage of Kanji glyphs for Japanese e-government on March 2009. This project was 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)" based on IT Policy Package - 2005 adopted by the IT Strategic Headquarters of Japanese government.

With outcomes from this activity, JNB submitted a proposal of glyph variants (WG2 N3530/IRG N1499) and provisional unified ideographs addition (IRG N1521). These documents were quickly reviewed and JNB got many useful comments from IRG Experts.

With these comments, JNB continues the close inspection of contents of the proposal.

- 1) As for provisional unified ideographs addition (IRG N1521), JNB plans official submission to IRG #33 meeting in November. It seems that the size of the proposal will be around several hundreds (while IRG N1521 included 1266 characters)
- 2) And, as for glyph variants (WG2 N3530/IRG N1499), there was a suggestion that it should use an IVS (Ideographic Variation Sequence) by the argument of the last WG2 meeting (WG2 N3590). Considering the suggestion, JNB continues examination of the possibility to register to the IVD (Ideographic Variation Database) instead of adding compatibility ideographs.

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