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Ideographic Rapporteur Group (IRG)
Notes of Plenary Sessions at IRG Meeting #32

Source: IRG Meeting #32
Place: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), China
Date: 2009-06-15 to 2009-06-18

Part 1
Notes of Discussion at the Plenary Session
Held on 15 June 2009

Opening and Appointments
The Rapporteur declared the meeting open at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Dennis Pang, Assistant Government Chief Information Officer, welcomed all to the meeting on behalf of the host, the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer under the Hong Kong SAR Government.

After a roll call, the Rapporteur appointed Mr. Peter Cheng (Hong Kong SAR) to serve as the meeting secretary, Mr. Retarkgo Yan (Hong Kong SAR) as the drafting group leader and Mr. Wu Jian (China) the name card and email address collector.

The Rapporteur then reviewed the draft Agenda (N1585 Appendix). A special point that members should note was the renaming of CJK Ext D to CJK Ext E. Without new proposals from the floor, the Agenda was approved.

Review of Resolutions and Action Items Defined by IRG#31 (N1510)
On future meeting schedule, the meeting noted that Malaysia wanted to delay hosting an IRG meeting until November 2010. Thus a volunteer was needed to host IRG#34 in June 2010.

Review of WG2 Meeting #54 Resolutions (N1582)
The meeting noted the following WG2 Resolutions that were related to the IRG:

M54.08 on the acceptance of CJK Ext D; M54.14 that CJK Ext D would be included in Amendment 8; M54.20 on IRG P&P; M54.21 on Annex S revision that the IRG had to submit a finalised text to WG2 by 17 July 2009; and M54.22 on fonts for DPRK ideographs.

Activity Reports of Member Bodies
Chief Editors took turn to present the salient points in their Activity Reports as follows:

China (N1574)
China was collecting ideographs that were yet to be encoded from various sources and expected to submit them to the IRG in due course. Four UCS-related specifications were also published, with some of them available on the Internet.

Hong Kong SAR (N1575)
Hong Kong would release the next version of its supplementary character set, which would be the last edition with assignment of Big-5 code points to newly included characters.

Macao SAR (N1576)
Macao reported that the Macao Information Systems Character Set (MISCS) would be published in two months' time, and that they would like to host an IRG meeting in November 2010.

TCA (N1577)
Seminars were held to promote the Chinese character code standards CNS 11643 and CNS 14649 (the local version of ISO/IEC 10646).

Republic of Korea (ROK)(N1578)
ROK had submitted the fonts required for the production of the CJK Ext B multi-column code chart. The Korean Mirror Committee for IRG work was re-constituted, with Professor KIM Kyongsok as the new chairperson.

Japan (N1579)
A study on the real usage of Kanji glyphs for the Japanese e-government was concluded. Following the study, Japan planned to officially submit a proposal of several hundred characters to the next IRG meeting.

US and Unicode (N1581)
Version 5.2.0 of the Unicode Standard was scheduled for release in September 2009, which would be the first version of Unicode including Ext C characters.

Submission of Characters from the MISCS (N1580)

Macao SAR briefly explained its paper N1580. The Rapporteur reminded Macao of the need to submit usage evidence. The CJK Editorial Group would follow up the matter.

True Type Font Issue

ROK, Hong Kong and Japan had all submitted their fonts, while TCA still needed more time to supply its Ext B fonts. China confirmed its Ext B fonts were available and had been given to ISO Project Editor Michel Suignard. Macao only had characters in Ext C and would confirm the status of its fonts given to the Project Editor by the IRG.

Mr. John Jenkins would discuss with China and TCA on the licensing requirements, while Japan had listed its contact person in N1591.

Close of Plenary Session

The Rapporteur adjourned the plenary session at 11:45 a.m. and asked the CJK Editorial Group and the Old Hanzi Expert Group to meet at 1:30 pm.

Part 2

Notes of Discussion at the Plenary Session
Held on 17 June 2009

The meeting started at 3:05 p.m.

Future Meetings
As stated in N1571, the next meeting would be held in Danang, Vietnam. Any enquiries on logistic arrangements could be made to the host or through the IRG.

IRG#34 would be hosted by Japan in Tokyo. The meeting discussed the preferred time slots in May and June 2010.

As to IRG#35 to be held in Macao, two choices on the meeting dates were given: (a) 8 to 12 November 2010, and (b) 22 to 26 November 2010.

Pandemic Impact on IRG Meetings
The meeting discussed the impact of swine flu on holding an IRG meeting.

The Rapporteur suggested that the travel advisory issued by the World Health Organisation should be followed in deciding whether a meeting should take place. If the host country or region were the subject of a travel advisory, the meeting would be cancelled.

In addition, the host could take the initiative in deciding whether to go ahead with organising the meeting or not.

Also, as a general rule, IRG Officers (Chief Editor and Technical Editor) had to be able to participate in a meeting.

Close of Plenary Session
The meeting closed at 3:40 p.m.

Part 3

Notes of Discussion at the Plenary Session
Held on 18 June 2009

The meeting started at 11:05 a.m.

Old Hanzi Expert Group Report (N1588)
Professor Li Guoying presented the draft report. After discussion, the meeting concluded that the target date to complete the consolidated list should be included in the report.

The Rapporteur adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m. and asked the Drafting Group to meet at 1:30 p.m.

The plenary session resumed at 2:30 p.m.

Passage of Resolutions (N1585)
The Rapporteur read out the draft Resolutions for members' review. The meeting unanimously passed the Resolutions.

Close of IRG#32
The 32nd meeting of the IRG concluded at 2:45 p.m.

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