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Adoption of ISO/IEC 10646

Since the 32nd IRG meeting held in the HKSAR in June 2009, matters relating to the adoption of the ISO/IEC 10646 standard in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) are as follows:

1. No new characters are accepted for inclusion into the HKSCS from June 2009 to October 2009. The Chinese Language Interface Advisory Committee (CLIAC) has endorsed the publication of the version HKSCS-2008 after the HKSCS-2004 version in 2009. With the remaining five (5) characters included in ISO/IEC 10646:2003 Amendment 6, all HKSCS characters are now included in the ISO10646 standard. The CLIAC also endorsed the strengthening of the Principles for the inclusion of characters in the HKSCS to better align the IRG review process for character inclusion.

2. The Guidelines on Dissemination of Information through Government Homepages state the government's Internet information dissemination strategies and provide practical guidance and useful information for producing and developing websites for government departments. The revised Guidelines promulgated in July 2009 state that ISO/IEC 10646 standard shall be adopted for web sites undergoing major revamp or new web sites with Chinese contents.

3. The IICORE listing utility has become available for download by the public since June 2009. The visitor and download counts were 1,768 and 806 respectively up to 31 October 2009. The utility helps foster the adoption of the IICORE by web sites, and facilitate web masters and users to assess the extent to which the IICORE is supported by mobile devices such as PDA. The utility is available for download by the public at the following URL:

   http://www.ogcio.gov.hk/ccli/eng/structure/iicorelist.html

4. Leaflets and posters for the WebIME, a web-based ISO/IEC 10646 compliant Chinese characters input facility, are distributed for promotion and publicity in the community through various channels such as primary and secondary schools, district cyber centres and public libraries. Demonstration software and flash animations are developed to help users understand and use the WebIME services (http://www.ccli.gov.hk/cim/demo.html). Web link is built from the Online Tools of the Unicode Consortium website (http://www.unicode.org/resources/online-tools.html) to the WebIME website. The source codes of the WebIME are available for reference at the following URL:

   http://www.ccli.gov.hk/cim-images/cim-download.zip

5. The HKSARG has been urging major product suppliers to provide timely standard product support for the latest ISO10646 standard and at the same time help users protect their investment by providing the necessary interoperability tools for existing systems.

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