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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 reviewed ballot for ISO/IEC 10646 amendments and its second edition.

1.3 Attending to the International Meetings

4 delegates attended the IRG Hong Kong meeting in June 2009. Japan hosted SC2, SC2/WG2 and OWG-SORT meeting held in Tokyo in October, and 8 delegates attended. Japan is also preparing IRG #34 in Nagaoka, Japan.

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 outcome from this activity,

- 1) At the last meeting Japan announced to submit new proposal of the CJK unified ideographs addition based on this outcome to this IRG meeting, but it is not still completed yet as of today. It needs more time for improvement. Therefore Japan decided to aim for the next IRG about the official proposal and this time Japan shows the list as a progress report (IRG N1637). Japan will appreciate if members give us any suggestion or comment on the list.
- 2) And, as for glyph variants (WG2 N3530/IRG N1499), Japan decided to register them to the Unicode IVD (Ideographic Variation Database) as reported in WG2 N3706.

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