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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 Attending to the International Meetings

4 delegates attended the IRG Da Nang meeting in Nov. 2009. 2 delegates attended the SC2/WG2 San Jose meeting in April.

2 Recent Activities related IRG

2.1 Review work for ISO/IEC10646 2nd edition

According to the resolutions of IRG #33 meeting, JNB prepared a set of fonts for the multicolumn code chart of ISO/IEC 10646 2nd edition and submitted it to the IRG technical editor. JNB exerted on reviewing chart and reported the result on schedule. Unfortunately JNB found that the chart includes so many editorial errors and this is not adequate for the review. So we included the concern in the part of FCD ballot comment and attended on the discussion about the recovery the schedule at SC2/WG2 in April.

2.2 IVD registration (IRG N1668)

As mentioned in the last meeting, Japan started the public review on the draft of IVD registration on 31st March. Expected close date of the review is 25th June. After the review period ends and all comments and questions are processed, the variations will be registered to the database by the registration authority (i.e. Unicode Inc.)

3. Joyo-kanji (常用漢字, list of kanji in common use) revision

Council for Cultural Affairs (文化審議会) submitted a report on the issue of Joyo Kanji revision on 7th June. This report adds 196 kanji and deletes 5 kanji to/from the current list of 1,945 kanji. This report will be a cabinet notifications or directives by the end of this year and will be used commonly in Japan. All additions have been confirmed to be covered by JIS X 0213 and JNB expects there is no effect to the current ISO/IEC 10646.

4. Changes of defective Directives

JTC 1 works, including IRG works, are currently ruled by the document called JTC 1 Directives. It will be changing to a combination of the ISO/IEC Directives and the JTC 1 Supplement, effective on July

1st this year. One of the major changes is that there will be no FCD/FPDAM ballot step anymore and will be replaced with DIS/DAM ballot.

Japan national body is studying the new Directives and evaluating possible impact on SC 2 related works, including IRG. We advise other member bodies to study the new Directives. If you have any questions, you should be able to ask it through your domestic parent bodies.

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