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Ideographic Rapporteur Group (IRG)
<u>Notes of Plenary Sessions at IRG Meeting #35</u>

Source: IRG Meeting #35
Place: the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR), China
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<u>Part 1</u>

<u>Notes of Discussion at the Plenary Session</u>
<u>Held on 8 November 2010</u>

<u>Opening and Appointments</u>

The 35th meeting of the IRG started at 10:50 am following an opening ceremony and tea reception kindly organised by the host, the Computer Chinese Characters Encoding Workgroup of the Macao 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 Ms Liu Yang (China) the name card and email address collector.

The Rapporteur presented the draft Agenda (N1730Appendix). The meeting reviewed the draft agenda and meeting schedule, and then reviewed the resolutions of IRG#34 (N1690) and WG2#57 (N1722).

<u>Activity Reports of Member Bodies</u>

Chief Editors took turn to briefly present the salient points in their activity reports as follows:

China (N1723)
The General Administration of the Press and Publication officially launched the "*Chinese Characters Repertoire*" (中華字庫) project by inviting public bidding in October 2010. The project would be finished within five years and proposals to encode CJK ideographs and other scripts might be prepared based on the outputs of the project.

Hong Kong SAR (N1724)
In June 2010, the Focus Group under the Hong Kong Information Technology Federation published a white paper on the *Hong Kong Supplementary Character Set*

support for the Windows platform. The white paper served as a reference guideline for the community on future migration to the ISO/IEC 10646 standard.

Japan (N1725)
The Japan Standards Association (JSA) had studied the report on the revised *Joyo-kanji* (常用漢字) list (a list of Kanji in common use) prepared by the Council for Cultural Affairs. The JSA concluded that the revised *Joyo-kanji* list had no impact on the relevant standards in the country.

Macao SAR (N1726)
The Macao SAR was going to publish a guideline to adopt the Macao Information Systems Character Set as the information exchange encoding standard among public departments in Macao.

Republic of Korea (ROK) (N1727)
The Korean Mirror Committee of the IRG had found three source reference documents, namely PKS C5700-1 1994 (for K2), PKS C5700-2 1994 (for K3) and Korean IRG Hanja Character Set 5th Edition 2001 (for K5), but PKS 5700-3 1998 for K4 was still missing.

TCA (N1728)
The CNS 11643 website had been updated with revised attribute data, such as the pronunciations, stroke sequences and cangjie input codes of Chinese characters.

United States/Unicode Consortium (N1729)
The Unicode Consortium announced the release of *Unicode version 6.0.0* in October 2010. This new version was synchronised with the forthcoming Second Edition of 10646: ISO/IEC 10646:2011. The Second Edition or the 2011 Edition reflected ISO/IEC 10646:2003 and the rolled-up content additions from Amendments 1 to 8 (CJK Ext D included).

Vietnam (N1735)
The Vietnam Institute of Standards and Quality had published two national standards on Vietnamese scripts based on the advice of the Vietnamese Nom Preservation Foundation. The Institute would continue to publish national standards to cover other scripts.

Adding Big-5 Mappings to H-column (N1736)
Mr Michel Suignard and Mr John Jenkins explained Dr Ken Lunde's suggestion to add Big-5 mappings and glyphs as H-source references in multi-column code charts. The matter would be further discussed by the CJK Editorial Group.

GKX Source Issues (N1738)
Japan presented N1738. The CJK Editorial Group would follow up at its meetings.

IRG P&P Update (N1734)
The meeting noted the minor amendments raised by ROK.

Future Meetings
The meeting noted that the 37th meeting would be hosted by Google in the United States and a host was yet to be identified for the 38th meeting.

Close of Plenary Session
The Rapporteur adjourned the plenary session at 12:15 pm and asked the CJK Editorial Group and the Old Hanzi Expert Group to meet after the lunch break.

Part 2

Notes of Discussion at the Plenary Session
Held on 10 November 2010

The meeting started at 11:05 am.

Proposal of New Ad-Hoc Group for Preliminary Study of Old Hanzi Encoding Architecture (N1742)
Dr Suzuki Toshiya presented Japan's suggestion to form another ad hoc group for Old Hanzi coding architecture. Japan considered that the expertise of the current Old Hanzi group was on the glyphs, not encoding, so IT experts or encoding experts were needed.

The meeting had diverse views on this matter. The Rapporteur was not sure if a separate group was absolutely needed. TCA thought that it was not a good idea to set up a new ad hoc group. China observed that the Old Hanzi Expert Group did not have consensus on this matter and suggested that there should be more internal discussion. Like TCA, China preferred one ad hoc group and said that the encoding expertise required should be made available within the current Old Hanzi Expert Group.

As an interim conclusion, the Rapporteur invited experts to contribute to the encoding work and said that this matter could be re-visited at the next IRG meeting.

Close of Plenary Session
The Rapporteur adjourned the plenary session at 11:35 am.

Part 3

Notes of Discussion at the Plenary Session
Held on 11 November 2010

The meeting started at 5:05 pm.

Old Hanzi Expert Group Report (N1746)

Dr Suzuki Toshiya briefly reported the work of the Old Hanzi Expert Group. The meeting noted that the Expert Group would hold two extra meetings, one in May and one in September 2011, in order to expedite its work.

CJK Editorial Group Report (N1745)

The IRG Chief Editor presented N1745. The meeting noted the progress and work schedules contained therein.

Passage of Resolutions (N1730)

The Rapporteur read out the draft Resolutions so that all participants could review the contents and suggest amendments. After making all the necessary amendments, the meeting unanimously approved the Resolutions.

Close of IRG#35

The 35th meeting of the IRG concluded at 5:35 pm.

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