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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 for the all JTC1/SC2 activities. It has 18 members and 8 observers, who are experts of coded character sets and/or ideographic characters.

1.2 Attending to the International Meetings

Five delegates attended the IRG Hong Kong meeting in May, two delegates attended the WG2 Vilnius meeting in June.

2 Recent Activities related to IRG

- Review on CJK F1 v1.0 as resolved in M40.4
- Review on IRG P&P
- Collaborate with SAT committee on CJK F1 review work
- Some contributions for discussion in IRG #41
- Provision for starting public review of new IVS collections.

3 "Japan's New IT Strategy" refers "Moji Joho Kiban (文字情報基盤)"

Japan's new IT strategy was decided by the Cabinet on 14th June 2013. In this strategy, it is explicitly required utilizing "Moji Joho Kiban" as a basic structure. Consequently, "Moji Joho Kiban" will be implemented widely to develop e-Government systems.

JNB will continue contributing IRG activity to align "Moji Joho Kiban" with International Standard, and keep reporting to IRG to share the situation of "Moji Joho Kiban".

4 Registration of new collection into the IVD

With the request from "Moji Joho Kiban" project, JNB will start public review of the draft of "Moji_Joho" collection soon. As a registrant of the "Moji_Joho" collection, JNB requests all IRG member bodies to kindly review the draft and let us know your comments. After closing 90 days review, JNB will dispose comments and submit to the registrar, i.e. Unicode Consortium.

One unique feature of this collection is the first collection that shares already registered IVSs with other collection, i.e. Hanyo-Denshi collection. Because of the different requirements, Moji_Joho collection is not a super set of Hanyo-Denshi collection. So JNB decided to request assigning new VSs to incompatible glyph variants with sharing most part of Hanyo-Denshi collection.

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