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The Unicode Technical Committee has been actively preparing for the release of Unicode version 7.0.0, currently scheduled for June 2014. Current plans are to make annual major-version releases of the Unicode Standard, which means that version 8.0.0 (which will include CJK Unified Ideographs Extension E) would be released in summer 2015.

Updates have been made to UAX #38 (Unihan Database) and UAX #45 (U-source Ideographs) as part of the 7.0.0 release. These updates are largely of an editorial nature. The most significant changes to the Unihan Database have been to improve coordination with the data files published as part of ISO/IEC 10646 and to add several thousand new Cantonese readings.

UTS #37 (Unicode Ideographic Variation Database) has also been updated. The current version adds the new Moji_Joho IVD collection.

The UTC's Urgently Needed Characters proposal has been extensively reduced and has been resubmitted for the IRG's consideration as IRG N 2005. The UTC has continued to advise and help the Script Encoding Initiative in the work on their UNC proposal, which has also been resubmitted for consideration at IRG #42.

Six controversial Siddham characters (U+115D8 through U+115DD), used for Sanskrit and Buddhist texts, were accepted by the UTC on 8 May 2014.

The CDL data maintained by Wenlin has been updated. Work on Extension E data is nearly complete.