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1. After the IRG#44, Macao SAR has submitted a proposal for Macao's UNC characters (Urgently Needed Characters) to SC2/WG2 by WG2N4679/IRGN2089. We are pleased to know that WG2 accepted the 20 Macao's UNC characters in the WG2 meeting in October. It is really an important milestone for Macao characters encoding standardization. Macao SAR greatly appreciate the support of all IRG members and IRG Rapporteur's facilitation to the submissions.

2. The most updated status of the 121 Macao characters is now as follows:

   a) 63 characters have been encoded in ISO 10646 standard.

   b) 25 characters have been unified with the characters in ISO 10646 standard.

   c) 20 characters have been submitted as Urgently Needed Characters, and 2 other characters are in CJK Ext. F – one in CJK Ext. F1 and one in CJK Ext. F2.

   d) 11 characters to apply for IVD (Ideographic Variation Database) from Unicode.

   Macao SAR has also submitted the TrueType fonts of Macao's UNC characters to WG2 before this IRG meeting.

3. With the assistance of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, the Macao SAR Government is in the process of setting up Macao Characters Encoding Standard (named "Macao SAR Information Systems Character Set" tentatively) and target to be

completed in 2016.   The Standard will be used as the information exchange encoding standard among the Government Departments in Macao.

4.   Any queries about the Macao characters, please contact our members: Mr. Ng Sio U (ngsiou@safp.gov.mo) or Mr. Clement Chau (cchau@safp.gov.mo).   Once again, we greatly appreciate the effort of all IRG members.

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