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The UTC (*Unicode Technical Committee*) and other experts in the US have been involved in the following standardization-related activities since the IRG #61 meeting took place:

1. The Unicode Version 16.0 Alpha review was announced on 2024-02-06 as [PRI #497](#) with a closing date of 2024-04-02. Although no new CJK Unified Ideographs are included, two new CJK strokes were added to the [CJK Strokes](#) block: U+31E4 and U+31E5. The Unicode Version 16.0 Beta review will be announced sometime in early May, and [Unicode Version 16.0](#) is expected to be released on 2024-09-10.
2. The Unihan database that is associated with the Unicode Version 16.0 Alpha review includes the following substantial changes (see [PRI #483](#) for more details):
 - The provisional *kFrequency* property was removed.
 - The provisional *kFanqie* (反切) property, which covers more than 20,000 CJK Unified Ideographs, was added as a new property.
 - The normative *kIRG_JSource* property was expanded to include more than 36,000 additional J-source source references, all of which use the “JMJ-” source prefix that corresponds to Japan’s [Moji Jōhō Kiban](#) (文字情報基盤) database.
 - A new data file, [RSIndex.txt](#), which is a “plain text” representation of the Radical-Stroke Index (PDF) that is included with the Unicode Standard, [RSIndex.pdf](#), will be added to each release of the standard.
3. [Version 1](#) of UTN (*Unicode Technical Note*) #53, *CJK Unified Ideographs Extension B, UCS2003 Reference Glyphs*, was published on 2023-10-19. The UCS2003 reference glyphs were removed from the Extension B code charts in [Unicode Version 14.0](#) (September, 2021). Although the archival UCS2003 code charts were added to [Unicode Version 13.0](#) (March, 2020), and accessible via the [Archival Code Charts](#) link on that page, it was not easily discoverable, hence the publishing of this new UTN.
4. UTC experts reviewed and submitted comments against the UTC-assigned portion of [IRG Working Set 2021 Version 6.0](#), specifically serial numbers 02549 through 03728, prior to the 2024-02-24 deadline, and responded to comments against UTC-submitted ideographs.
5. The UTC is planning to submit a little over 200 ideographs for IRG Working Set 2024.
6. The [Unicode CJK & Unihan Group](#), which reports to the UTC, continues to meet approximately three weeks prior to each quarterly UTC meeting. See [L2/23-237R](#) and [L2/24-012](#) for the CJK & Unihan Group recommendations that were prepared for the UTC #177 and UTC #178 meetings, respectively. As a reminder, IRG experts are welcome to join the CJK & Unihan Group, which meets four times per year as a virtual Zoom meeting. The next CJK & Unihan Group meeting, in preparation for the UTC #179 meeting, is scheduled to take place on 2024-04-05 from 6 to 9PM PDT (GMT Minus 7).
7. Please welcome Eiso Chan (陈永聪) as the new Vice-Chair of the Unicode CJK & Unihan Group.

That is all.