Japan reviewed IRG N1706 and found that the current P&P (IRG N1271) is specific to Oracle Bone script only; it is not applicable to Bronze script and Small Seal script. Japan proposes to improve P&P for Bronze and Small Seal scripts, before starting the glyph collecting works for these scripts.

When Old Hanzi expert group was working for Oracle Bone script, many important rules (especially for glyph determination and ordering) were added or changed during the glyph selection. It made the reliability of the database unstable; Oracle Bone experts had to review the glyph collection twice, and the full disclosure of the database, IRG N1705, had delayed 1 month after the promised deadline.

Considering this experience on Oracle Bone script, the stabilization of P&P is clearly essential before starting glyph selection work. In addition, it is important for IRG experts to review the results of Old Hanzi experts’ discussion, the template format of the discussion record for each glyph must be approved by IRG. All proposed glyphs, cancellation, unification, postpone (to next extension) are trackable in IRG documents. The output from Old Hanzi should be described on the same level.

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