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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 19 members and 10 observers, who are experts of coded character sets and/or ideographic characters.

1.2 Attending to the International Meetings

Eight delegates attended the IRG Nagaoka meeting in June 2010. One delegate attended the SC2/WG2 Busan meeting in October.

2 Recent Activities related IRG

2.1 Review works as resolved at the last IRG meeting

- Font correction on the BMP characters. Two characters are corrected and provide descriptions (IRG N1712).
- CJK B multicolumn chart review.
- ZJW source issues in CJK E candidates. Reviewing IRG N1716 and sent feedback.
- Old hanzi group activities. Consolidating procedure document as IRG N1706 and examine the database (IRG N1705).

2.2 IVD registration

Public review on the draft of Japan IVD registration (PRI167) has been closed on 25th June and after that all comments and questions are disposed. The updated draft is already put on the same web page. Japan NB submitted the application for the sequences to the registration authority (i.e. Unicode Inc.). Now we are waiting for the assignment of variation selectors for each variation sequences and adding those sequences to the Ideographic Variation Database.

3. Joyo-Kanji (常用漢字, list of kanji in common use) revision

Based on the report by Council for Cultural Affairs (文化審議会) on the issue of Joyo Kanji revision on 7th June, JSA (Japan Standards Association) studied on the report regarding the relation with JIS Kanji encoding standards, and drafted the survey with the conclusion of no impact to the standards. Joyo Kanji revision will be announced as a cabinet notice or directives on the end of November, and the survey will be released on the same date.

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