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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 all JTC1/SC2 activities. It has 19 members and 8 observers, who are experts of coded character sets and/or ideographic characters.

1.2 Attending to the International Meetings

Five delegates attended the IRG Hanoi meeting in Nov.
Japan is also preparing hosting IRG meeting #41. The meeting venue will be Tokyo. IRG N1937 is a logistic information. Japan welcomes IRG attendees to meeting #41.

2 Recent Activities related to IRG

- CJK F v1.0 review as resolved in M38.2
- IRG PnP review
- Collaborate with SAT committee to provide expert's proposal.
- Some contributions for discussion in IRG #40

3 Progress of Moji-Joho-Kiban project

The outcomes of the Moji-Joho-Kiban project (文字情報基盤プロジェクト, MJ project) are already widely used by Japanese local governments. Recently, Sapporo-city, one of largest cities designated by ordinance in Hokkaido, has been replacing legacy system with open source based new environment. Moji-Joho-Ichiranhyo (MJ Table) and IPAmjMincho font, developed by IPA are used as an infrastructure of new system, and contributed to reduce the cost and the term of construction.
IPA successfully conducted a series of demonstration operations with major vendors in Japan. The reports are available in the following URL:


4 Finish drafting JIS X0221 revision

Draft of JIS X0221 revision has been submitted to JISC (Japanese Industrial Standards Committee) for publication. This draft is a Japanese translation of ISO/IEC 10646:2012. After a confirmation process including public review and editorial work, it will be published by the end of this year. Out from this revision work, JNB found many mistakes, most of them are editorial and some may be serious, sent them to SC2/WG2. JNB expects them to be confirmed and corrected in the discussion of ISO/IEC 10646 4th ed.