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Ideographic Rapporteur Group (IRG)

Source: Macao Special Administrative Region, China

Meeting: The 51st IRG Meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam

Title: **Activity Report of Macao SAR**

Status: Member Submission

1. The “Unification framework of Chinese Characters Encoding for Information Systems in Macao SAR”, which is established by Macao SAR Government (with the assistance of Hong Kong Polytechnic University), is the data exchange encoding standard to facilitate more effective data communication among the Government Departments in Macao. This data exchange standard also provides a foundation to Smart city and data governance development in Macao.
2. The Workgroup of Chinese Characters Encoding for Information Systems has announced the Unification framework to all Government Departments in Macao this October, and is now working on the implementation issues of the standard. The Unification framework includes a “Macao Supplementary Character Set” (MSCS), which is a supplementary of Big-5 and HKSCS. We have started to discuss with major IT vendors in the market, for the support of the MSCS standard in the future.

3. After the glyphs and fonts of MSCS is finalized, we will update the information to IRG for horizontal extension, and to Unicode for Ideographic Variation Sequences (IVS) registration.

4. Due to intensive working schedule, we apologize not be able to attend the 51st IRG meeting. We will continue to support the ISO/IEC 10646 standard and IRG work. Any queries about Macao characters, please contact our members: Ms. Cheang Pui Pui (ppcheang@safp.gov.mo) or Mr. Clement Chau (cchau@safp.gov.mo). We greatly appreciate the effort of all IRG members.

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