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1. To facilitate more effective electronic communication among the Government Departments, the Macao SAR Government, with the assistance of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, is in the process of establishing Macao SAR Information Systems Character Set (MISCS, tentatively named) and target to be completed in 2017. This character set will be used as the data exchange encoding standard among the Government Departments in Macao.
2. In this character set, 11 Chinese character variants are unified with another character which has been encoded in ISO/IEC 10646. The glyphs used in Macao, however, are different from the encoded characters. To make these glyphs available in Macao's computer systems, it is necessary to register Ideographic Variation Sequences (IVSes) for 21 variants, 10 of which correspond to base characters whose representative glyphs are the same as in the code charts.
3. MSARG has submitted an Ideographic Variation Database (IVD) collection named MSARG Collection as well as 21 proposed sequences in this collection to the registrar, Unicode Consortium. We are now consulting the glyph consistency issue with related departments in Macao, and will confirm with Unicode soon.

4. Due to intensive working schedule, we sincerely apologize not be able to attend the 47<sup>th</sup> IRG meeting. We will continue to support the ISO/IEC 10646 standard and ISO/IRG work. Any queries about Macao characters, please contact our members: Ms. Lam Sok Chi ([sokchil@safp.gov.mo](mailto:sokchil@safp.gov.mo)) or Mr. Clement Chau ([cchau@safp.gov.mo](mailto:cchau@safp.gov.mo)). Once again, we greatly appreciate the effort of all IRG members.

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