

**ISO/IEC JTC1/SC2/WG2/IRG**

**Ideographic Rapporteur Group (IRG)**

Source: Macao Special Administrative Region, China

Meeting: 48<sup>th</sup> IRG Meeting in Seoul, Korea

Title: **Activity Report of Macao SAR**

Status: Member Submission

1. The Macao SAR Government, with the assistance of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, is establishing a “Unification framework of Chinese Characters Encoding for Information Systems in Macao SAR” to facilitate more effective data exchange among the Government Departments in Macao. The unification framework is now under approval process, and will be one of the data exchange encoding standard in the Macao SAR Government.
2. The unification framework includes to establish a “Macao Supplementary Character Set (MSCS)”, which is a supplementary of Big-5 and HKSCS-2008 standard. The first version of MSCS has 166 characters and symbols, and all of them have been included in the ISO/IEC 10646 standard. However, some glyphs used in Macao are different from the encoded characters. Therefore, after the framework is approved, we will submit the glyphs font to IRG to apply for horizontal extension, and to

Unicode to apply for Ideographic Variation Sequences (IVS) registration.

3. Due to intensive working schedule, we apologize not be able to attend the 48<sup>th</sup> 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. 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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