

Subject: Feedback to IRGN2551 "Restriction on encoding of modern self-created characters"

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Dear Dr. Lu,

Here is my feedback to IRGN2551 "Restriction on encoding of modern self-created characters" (in plain text), please consider post it on IRG website, thank you:

I don't think it's helpful to distinguish the "modern" and "ancient" concept for Han ideographs or introduce any rules that treat "modern" characters exclusively. What we should focus on is that whether the evidence for the characters comes from reliable sources or not, and proper guidelines about reliable sources, no matter this character is "modern" or not. Introducing the concept of "modern self-created characters" and rules to "restrict" them exclusively is nothing more than preconception of cultural conservatism (for example, "Han characters are created by our ancestry, modern people should not create them casually!"). Introducing these populist rhetorics is absurd and contrary to the professional property of IRG. We should not waste time on these topics and the discussion should end as soon as possible. To be honest, introducing such rules and wasting time discussing them are last things we need.

Regards...

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