TO : Unicode Technical Committee

FROM: Deborah Anderson, UC Berkeley

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RE: Liaison Report from Script Encoding Initiative, UC Berkeley

This report lists work being done by the Script Encoding Initiative (/Universal Scripts Project).

Proposals from SEI that have been submitted to the UTC (Note: some of the following may still be undergoing review):

Brahmi (L2/07-342) by Stefan Baums and Andrew Glass

Vedic (L2/08-050) Summary proposal to encode characters for Vedic (WG2 N3383) by Michael
    Everson, Peter Scharf, et al.

Javanese (L2/08-015) by SEI / Michael Everson

Old Turkic (L2/08-071) by China, Ireland, UK, SEI

Kaithi (L2/07-418) by Anshuman Pandey

Samaritan (L2/08-024) by Michael Everson and Mark Shoulson

Old South Arabian (L2/08-044) by Sultan Maktari and Kamal Mansour

Siyaq numerals (L2/07-414) by Anshuman Pandey

Batak (L2/08-011) by Michael Everson

Takri (L2/07-419) by Anshuman Pandey

Tangut (L2/07-143 [et al.]) by Richard Cook

Ongoing Work (including preliminary proposals):

Manichaean (L2/08-025): Proposal by M. Everson; shaping behavior issues are being ironed out

Mandaic (L2/07-412): Preliminary proposal by M. Everson; expert feedback is being incorporated

Warang Chiti (Varang Kshiti): Two linguists, K. David Harrison and Greg Anderson, are working
    with the Ho population to provide documentation and feedback on the proposal by M.
    Everson

Anatolian Hieroglyphs The glyphs and annotations in this proposal by M. Everson are still under
    review but critical feedback from H. Craig Melchert at UCLA was received in Dec. 2007

Sharada (L2/08-017): preliminary proposal by Anshuman Pandey

Psalter Pahlavi : Punctuation questions remain on this proposal by Michael Everson and
    Roozbeh Pournader

Book Pahlavi: Michael Everson Roozbeh Pournader, and Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst are still
    working on this proposal

Greek Papyrological symbols: The Center for Tebtunis Papyri at UC Berkeley will be working on a proposal for those symbols needed by papyrologists. Input from the user community is still being sought.

Khojki: SEI is looking into this script, with assistance from a native of the region of India where this script was used.

Other Assistance Provided

Rumi: SEI assisted proposal author Azzeddine Lazrek in adding additional information to his proposal; also received detailed variant information on the glyphs and name of the script by Rosa Comes for script block introduction and a future Unicode Technical Note

Nushu (L2/07-371) and Miao (Pollard, L2/07-299): SEI has been working with the proposal authors in an effort to help move these proposals along

Future Activities

Unicode proposal for UCAS extensions, Newari, Meroitic, Old Hungarian, Bamum (historic), Chakma, and Sorang Sompeng are slated work in 2008

Deborah Anderson is encouraging additional participation from Egyptologists for future work.

Deborah is also enlisting other linguistics projects (such as the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig and LinguistList) to send in locale data.

In Fall 2007 and Spring 2008, a student at UC Berkeley has been working through L2 doc registry and identifying documents (proposals and feedback) by script block.