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The UTC and others in the US have been involved in the following activities since IRG 42 took place:

1. Unicode Version 7.0 was released on 2014-06-16. Among the new blocks is U+11580 through U+115FF for Siddham.

2. Work on Unicode Version 8.0, which will include Extension E, is currently underway and is expected to be released in June of 2015.

3. The Unicode Consortium has changed its publication schedule for versions of the Unicode Standard: *Starting with the recent Version 7.0, a new major version of the Unicode Standard will be published each year in June. This new schedule provides reliability and predictability for all software using Unicode. Implementers can now plan well ahead for the appearance of each new version.*

4. An update to UTR #50, *Unicode Vertical Text Layout*, was released on 2014-09-22.

5. The W3C CDL (Character Description Language) Community Group was been formed, and IRG members are encouraged to join and contribute.

6. Adobe and Google jointly released the world's first open source Pan-CJK typeface families on 2014-07-15. The Adobe-branded fonts are called Source Han Sans, and the Google-branded ones are called Noto Sans CJK. Version 1.001 updates were released on 2014-09-12. For more information, you are encouraged to read the very detailed 21-page Source Han Sans ReadMe file (a PDF will download when clicked).

7. IUC38 (38th Internationalization & Unicode Conference) takes place from 2014-11-03 through 2014-11-05 in Santa Clara, California, USA.

That is all.