

TO: Unicode Technical Committee
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WG2

ISO/IEC JTC1/SC2 Working Group 2 meeting took place in Matsue, Japan from 19-23 October 2015. Experts from six national bodies and three liaison organizations were present.

The key results of the meeting are noted below:

- DAM2 (Amendment 2 to the fourth edition) will progress to an FDAM ballot, with target starting dates in November or December 2015. The Tamil Supplement block was removed, one Tangut character was removed and two characters in the Tangut Components block were added.
- A second CD (Committee Draft to the fifth edition) will be issued, with a target start-date of December 2015. The CD2 will include
 - the Tamil Supplement
 - the Old Italic letters (approved by the UTC)
 - changes to Soyombo and Zanabazar Square scripts (based on an ad hoc meeting held 16-17 October in Tokyo, see [L2/15-249](#))
 - changes to Extension F (as documented in the Consent Docket) and glyph changes in Extension C and E
 - changes requested by the USNB and Unicode on emoji characters, Indic scripts, and Church Slavonic
 - two new characters in the Transport and Map Symbols block (STUPA and PAGODA), proposed by Andrew West
 - nineteen new TV symbols were added to support new symbols being developed by ARIB as part of a revision of ARIB STD-B62 for use in the Electronic Program Guide of Ultra High Definition TV (see [L2/15-238](#)).
- Nushu experts from China and Japan attended the WG2 meeting, and a lengthy ad hoc meeting took place, chaired by Peter Constable. The outcome of the ad hoc was consensus amongst experts, documented in ad hoc report N4693 ([L2/15-283](#)) and code chart N4697 ([L2/15-245](#)). The revised repertoire will be incorporated in CD2.
- The meeting included presentations on hentaigana by experts in Japan, the Shuishu script by experts in China (see [L2/15-285](#) and [L2/15-286](#)), and the Small Seal script ([L2/15-281](#)) by the TCA representative. WG2 experts were able to provide useful feedback to the presenters on how to strengthen their proposals.
- A change in the status of Radical/Stroke information for CJK Ideographs and Tangut characters from informative to normative (see [L2/15-282](#)) was agreed to by WG2 and accepted in SC2, with an objection registered by Japan.
- SC2 approved a new project subdivision for Amendment 1 to the fifth edition. Amendment 1 would contain items that may not have reached consensus in the CD2 ballot or other new additions, such as the proposal for Hentaigana.

- IRG will remain a subgroup Rapporteur Group of WG 2, under the able leadership of Dr. LU Qin. Co-locating IRG meetings with ad hocs involving experts from Asia was recommended, if possible.

WG2 meeting #65 (and SC2 #20) will be hosted by the US at Adobe, San Jose, from 26-30 September 2016. Meeting #66 will be held in late September in China, either in Beijing or Ürümqi. The location for meeting #67 is still open.

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The Project Editor for ISO/IEC 14651, Alain LaBonté, was not able to attend the meeting, so Contributing Editor Ken Whistler led the meeting.

The disposition of comments on the DIS ballot of the fourth edition of ISO/IEC 14651 was approved, and the revised text will proceed directly to publication.

SC2 approve a project subdivision for Amendment 1 of the fourth (2015) edition. The initial contents will likely be the repertoire of FDAM2 to the fourth edition of ISO/IEC 10646, which reflects the repertoire of Unicode 9.0.