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The UTC (*Unicode Technical Committee*) and other experts in the US have been involved in the following standardization-related activities since IRG Meeting #66 took place:

1. [Unicode Version 18.0](#) was successfully released on 2026-09-16, and the following are some highlights:
 - Six characters were added to the [Kana Extended-A](#) block (U+1B123 through U+1B128), and one character was added to the [Small Kana Extension](#) block (U+1B168).
 - The disunified form of U+6B25 was appended to the [CJK Unified Ideographs Extension D](#) block (U+2B81E).
 - 11,328 characters were added in the new [Small Seal](#) block (U+3D000 through U+3FC3F), along with a new UCD (*Unicode Character Database*) data file, *SealSources.txt*.
 - 17 [Standardized Variation Sequences](#) (SVSes) for CJK strokes were added.
 - Two new provisional properties, *kJapaneseNewVariant* and *kJapaneseOldVariant*, were added to the Unihan database. Two provisional properties, *kIRGDaeJaweon* and *kIRGKangXi*, were removed.
 - [UAX #60](#) (*Data for East Asian Scripts*), which provides sources and other metadata for non-Han East Asian scripts with large repertoires — Jurchen, Nüshu, Seal, and Tangut — was published.
 - The [Unihan Database Lookup](#) page was updated for Unicode Version 18.0.
 - [UTN #43](#) (*Unihan Database Property “kStrange”*), [UTN #45](#) (*Unihan Property History*), and [UTN #50](#) (*KP-Source Property Value History*) were updated for Unicode Version 18.0.
 - The open source [Last Resort Font](#) project was updated for Unicode Version 18.0.
2. In response to Recommendation IRG M66.08, the UTC expects to submit approximately 200 ideographs for the next IRG working set.
3. IRG experts should take notice of document [L2/26-216](#) that proposes to add a new provisional *kTabooVariant* property to the Unihan database in Unicode Version 19.0, along with a working draft of a new Unicode Technical Note, [UTN #63](#), for documenting this new provisional Unihan database property.
4. The tenth version of the [IVD](#) (*Ideographic Variation Database*) was published on [2026-08-03](#) that registered eight additional IVSes in the registered [Moji_Joho](#) IVD collection.
5. UTC experts reviewed and submitted comments against the UTC-assigned portion of [IRG Working Set 2024 Version 5.0](#), specifically serial numbers 02334 through 03503, prior to the 2026-07-17 deadline, and will have responded to comments against UTC-submitted ideographs by the 2026-10-09 deadline.
6. The [UTC CJK & Unihan Working Group](#) meets approximately three weeks prior to each quarterly UTC meeting. Documents [L2/26-099](#) (UTC Meeting #187) and [L2/26-157](#) (UTC Meeting #188) are the latest recommendations. As a reminder, IRG experts are welcome to join CJK & Unihan Working Group meetings, which take place four times per year as a virtual (Webex) meeting. The next CJK & Unihan Working Group meeting, in preparation for the UTC Meeting #189, is scheduled to take place on 2026-10-09 from 6 to 9PM PDT (GMT Minus 7), which is the morning of 2026-10-10 in East Asia.

That is all.