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-Hugh McG Ross and John Okell -UK

Extension of Myanmar part of ISO/IEC 10646-1 was proposed by UK in June 1999 as n2033. Japan has been communicating with MCF (NB of Myanmar) for this subject since the n2033 was proposed. This paper reports the current status in Myanmar on this subject.

Summary:

The NB position of Myanmar on the n2033 is "Do not do any thing today. Wait and see the first implementation result of UCS Myanmar solution. The new discussion should be re-opened after the evaluation of the first implementation review".

Reaction and current status of Myanmar:

1. Myanmar has had an hard time to understand the UK proposal. Because, essence of the proposal is what Myanmar delegate said in WG2 London meeting, and the request was withdrawn after the explanation of WG2 coding principle. Myanmar is puzzling why UK is saying same thing and the UK request is not rejected by same reason. What is the difference between What Myanmar requested in London meeting and what UK is requesting in n2033?

2. Myanmar, therefore, can not say simple YES or NO on n2033.

3. Implementation of Myanmar script in UCS is not done yet in Myanmar. A projection is that the solution will be available in a couple of years. This might mean that there is no proof in Myanmar which shows the UCS-Myanmar is enough or not.

Above are the reason why the response from Myanmar on the n2033 is such slow.

Recognizing the facts, Myanmar and Japan discussed a possible response to the n2033. Conclusion of Myanmar/Japan is following:

a. Do not simply say YES or NO. Because of the basic Myanmar (we believe) is available already in UCS, no need to rush into uncertain solution.

b. Anyway, once an evaluation of real implementation result is done. There will be some of extension might be requested. There is no reason why we need to take a risk to add some thing on to un-proved solution. The requested extension is also not proved fully yet.

c. So, it is wise to wait a decision until the evaluation of the first implementation is completed.

d. The n2033 will be one of the inputs when the implementation result is reviewed.

MCF agreed with above. This is why this contribution paper is written..

Conclusion:

1. Decision on the n2033 to be postponed until the implementation is completed and reviewed by the users of Myanmar.

2. Mean while, do not add any characters in n2033 as a part of Myanmar script in UCS.

3. This conclusion does not mean that Myanmar rejected the proposal in n2033. Myanmar like to use the n2033 as one of the inputs for the future review.

4. Next proposal to WG2 for its review will be provided by NB of Myanmar concerning an input provided worldwide after the evaluation.

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