Report on first stroke/stroke count by ad hoc group

1. The list

Based on the contribution from Macao, the group discussed on the first stroke/stroke count issue. The group reached the following consensus:

- Taking the Macao contribution (IRG N942) as the very good starting point, the group has compiled the list as follows:
  1. The list will show the information on the first stroke and the stroke count only; the entire writing order is not necessary for IRG editorial work and has been removed.
  2. The list will include more problematic components, while it needs not be comprehensive.

2. The problems to be addressed

The problems the list addresses should include two types of cases:

- The same character/components in shape, but their first stroke may be handled differently, e.g. 女.

- The components or un-encoded characters whose first stroke have different actual shapes, but they are considered variants, e.g., a character with the following 3 glyphs, 亻, 亻, 亻. Since they need to be unified, it’s better if their first strokes are recorded as the same.

Note that the use of the above canonical shape when finding a component’s first stroke is only for the purpose of sorting. We have no intention to change/modify the design of the proposed typeface.

3. Goals

The list is intended only for internal Editorial works in IRG. As a result, the first stroke and/or stroke count information in the list need not be authentic in any means. It is, however, very important that all editors/reviewers use the same table. The list needs to be made available before next Ext-C review period.

Please see attachment of this document(N954A).