

August 4, 2006

To: Ms Toshiko Kimura
SC2 Secretariat

Dear Ms. Kimura:

The Unicode Technical Committee has asked me to send this update to SC2 regarding standards that are normatively referenced by SC2 standards.

The Unicode Standard is in the process of being updated to version 5.0.

The standard itself will be published and available in the third quarter of 2006, both on-line and in book form. The bibliographic reference is:

The Unicode Consortium. The Unicode Standard, Version 5.0.0,
defined by: The Unicode Standard, Version 5.0 (Boston, MA,
Addison-Wesley, 2007. ISBN 0-321-48091-0)

Meanwhile, the UTC has released the Unicode Character Database version 5.0, available at the following URL:

<http://www.unicode.org/Public/5.0.0/ucd/>

Details of changes between version 4.1.0 and version 5.0.0 may be found on the following web page:

<http://www.unicode.org/versions/Unicode5.0.0/>

The final draft versions of relevant Unicode Standard Annexes are available for review by following links from the "Technical Reports" page on the Unicode website:

<http://www.unicode.org/reports/>

The UTC has also released a new version of the Unicode Collation Algorithm (UCA) to coincide with Unicode 5.0 character repertoire. The UCA text may be found at the following URL:

<http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr10/>

I hope that you will be able to pass this information along to the relevant SC2 working groups handling the ISO/IEC 10646 and ISO/IEC 14651 standards.

Regards,

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