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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 #65 took place:

1. The Unicode Version 18.0 Alpha Review was issued as [PRI #536](#) that opened on 2026-02-10, and will close on 2026-03-31. The following are some noteworthy additions:
 - 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).
 - One ideograph, 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 [Seal](#) block (U+3D000 through U+3FC3F), along with a new UCD (*Unicode Character Database*) data file, *SealSources.txt*.
 - [UAX #60](#) (*Data for Non Han Ideographic Scripts*), which provides sources and other metadata for non-Han ideographic scripts — Jurchen, Nüshu, Seal, and Tangut — is new in this version. Also see [PRI #520](#) (*Proposed Draft UAX #60*).
 - The PDF version of the complete Radical-Stroke Index, [RSIndex.pdf](#), was produced using the open source [WenJin Mincho](#) fonts that have complete coverage of the CJK Unified Ideographs and CJK Compatibility Ideographs blocks as of Unicode Version 17.0. The single new code point in Unicode Version 18.0, U+2B81E at the end of the CJK Unified Ideographs Extension D block, uses the glyph that China submitted.
2. Also see [PRI #534](#) (*Proposed Updated UAX #38*) for information about proposed changes to that Unicode Standard Annex for Unicode Version 18.0.
3. IRG experts are encouraged to review [PRI #510](#), which is the Proposed Draft of a new Unicode Technical Report, UTR #59, *East Asian Spacing*, and provide feedback to the UTC.
4. UTC experts reviewed and submitted comments against the UTC-assigned portion of [IRG Working Set 2024 Version 4.0](#), specifically serial numbers 03489 through 04674, prior to the 2026-02-06 deadline, and will have responded to comments against UTC-submitted ideographs by the 2026-03-13 deadline.
5. The [CJK & Unihan Working Group](#), which is a working group of the UTC, meets approximately three weeks prior to each quarterly UTC meeting. See documents [L2/25-231](#) and [L2/26-009](#) for the CJK & Unihan Working Group recommendations that were prepared for UTC Meeting #185 and UTC Meeting #186, respectively. 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 #187, is scheduled to take place on 2026-04-03 from 6 to 9PM PDT (GMT Minus 7), which is the morning of 2026-04-04 in East Asia.

That is all.