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The greatest Chinese Word-Based Dictionary in the world, HanYu Da <u>Ci</u> Dian () CD ROM is being developed based on ISO/IEC 10646-1 / CJK Ideographs. This dictionary covers the most useful Chinese Hanzi which can represent and form almost all Chinese words. Unlike the Han Yu Da <u>Zi</u> Dian (), the greatest single-Hanzi based dictionary, the Hanzi in Han Yu Da <u>Ci</u> Dian are of stronger capability to form Chinese words.

It is very clear that the CJK Unified Ideographs enables the Han Yu Da Ci Dian development by its larger repertoire compared with the GB 2312-80. The CJK Ideographs covers 75% of Hanzi that Han Yu Da Ci Dian used (about 16000). Unfortunately, there have been still 6731 not-encoded Hanzi out of the ISO 10646-1.

I have compared the 6731 Waizi (or Gaiji) with the CJK Extension A, and found out the there are 2048 Ideographs existing in the CJK Extension A. It is one more evidence showing the evidence of the CJK Extension's usefulness and activeness.

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