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1. Revision of JIS X0208

The revision of JIS X0208 will be issued by the end of this January.

Main items of this revision are shown as follows.

- No addition, no deletion and no order change in the existing repertoire.
- Re-identified (re-justified) Ideographs.
- Re-written the text for adjustment between ISO/IEC standards JIS's.
- Add the SHIFT-JIS encoding specification.
- Add the RFC1468 encoding specification.

2. Study and development of JIS X0213

JCS committee determined to study and develop a new coded character set that will be implemented with ISO/IEC 2022 code extension architecture.

The committee plans the specification as follows.

2.1 Size

The committee plans two level repertoires(size) that will have 2,000 and 5,000 characters, respectively.

2.2 Relation to defact code environments

The committee plans that new JIS repertoires may be implemented on defact code environment such as Shift-JIS, RFC1468, etc.

2.3 Relation to UCS

The committee plans to propose to include it in the future UCS extension that is not in the present BMP and the IRG Vertical Extension.

2.4 Source repertoires

The committee plans to select the character set from the following sources.

- Signs and marks specified on the glossaries such as official document description rules, newspapers, etc.
- Ideographs and non ideographs used in school texts (up to High school text).
- Accented Latin characters and others used in European countries.
- Name Ideographs based on the register and telephone directory.

This plan of the committee is new put on public reviewing.

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