

**ISO-IEC JTC1/SC2/WG2/IRG  
Ideographic Rapporteur Group**

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The IRG unanimously resolves that it would be better not to split CJK extension A into groups for separate encoding in ISO/IEC 10646 because the IRG further reconfirms its position that the strong needs of Ideograph users are best met by encoding all of CJK Extension A on the BMP.

The points considered by the IRG include:

1. The characters in CJK Extension A are derived from existing national standards and implementations. There is no evidence that they are not in actual use. (dictionaries may not reflect actual use of obscure regional character)
2. There is little benefit to splitting approximately 300 characters from a set 20 times as big. The amount of savings is negligible and it makes data interchange with existing systems more difficult.
3. Confirming the division would require several months and slow down the encoding of CJK Extension A by perhaps a year or more, as well as postponing IRG work. This delay is unacceptable to IRG members.
4. The IRG has received document X3L2/96-111R from X3L2 and the Unicode Consortium, which analyzes the space remaining in the BMP in terms of known, existing proposals and potential future needs. This document indicates that there is sufficient room in the BMP for CJK Extension A without preventing the encoding of any other required script or characters.