

Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set UCS

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I have reviewed the contents of IRG N731 (characters proposed by the DPRK for inclusion in Vertical Extension C) and the feedback from T.K. Sato to the IRG Rapporteur on the subject.

I agree with Sato-san that it is unclear from the DPRK's contribution what unification rules they used, and that it is unclear that those unification rules are the same as used by the IRG. Moreover, because the mappings included currently in SuperCJK 11 are not based on printed copies of the standard supplied to the IRG by the DPRK and have not been reviewed by the DPRK, I feel that including them as a formal part of Vertical Extension B would be premature.

Unicode fully supports the inclusion of DPRK mappings in SuperCJK and Vertical Extension B. We feel, however, that such mappings cannot be included until they have been double-checked by the IRG. It is relatively easy to publish amendments to ISO/IEC 10646, and Unicode would likely be willing to incorporate any mappings from the DPRK into its public Unihan data as soon as they are finalized. It is also impossible to correct erroneous mappings in ISO/IEC 10646 once they have been made a part of the standard.

Given this, we recommend that the IRG thank the DPRK for its input and request additional printed data for IRG review. It should be made clear that this does not imply an ultimate

rejection of the DPRK mappings, only a desire to make sure they are completely accurate before they cannot be changed further.