

Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set
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Dear IRG Members and Ideograph Experts,

According to IRG Resolution M19.2:

Resolution IRG M19.2: New Work Proposal for a basic subset of CJK Unified Ideographs (Unanimous)

The IRG accepts the contribution from Japan (N905) on the basic subset of CJK Unified Ideographs, and would like to form an interest group to discuss the need, scope and criteria of the basic subset of CJK Unified Ideographs.

The IRG instructs the Rapporteur to inform WG2 of the work on the basic subset of CJK Unified Ideographs and to seek formal instructions from WG2.

I have reported this to WG2 in Dublin, and got the following instruction:

RESOLUTION M42.26 (Basic international CJK sub-sets): (Unanimous)

WG2 notes resolution M19.2 from IRG in document N2447, and instructs the IRG to form an interest group, investigate and report to the next WG2 meeting on the need, scope and criteria for one or more basic international subsets of CJK Unified Ideographs.

To ensure to have a better investigation on the need, scope and criteria for one or more basic international CJK subsets in 3 months, and to be able to report IRG's common proposal to WG2 Meeting 43 to be held in Japan on 2002-12-09/12 (to be co-located with SC 2 plenary on 2002-12-12/13), IRG has to start the discussion earlier than IRG#20 to be held in Hanoi on 2002-11-18~22.

Therefore, I would like to start the discussion via the net and call for the contribution immediately.

1. Tentatively, I will chair the discussion until some one would like to replace me.
2. I would like to request each member to nominate at least one person to join the interest group for International Basic CJK Subsets. The person will represent the MEMBER to join the discussion, and submit papers. And, they will be the formal members of the interest group, CJK Subsets Group.

3. However, the discussion will be open to any interested experts to describe their opinions as individual, the contribution from any fields are welcome.
4. The first stage of the discussion will focus on *the need, scope and criteria* of the international basic CJK subsets. The following questions are waited for your answer:
 - (1) What is the purpose to define the CJK Subsets ?
 - (2) What is your country/region's need for the CJK Subsets ?
 - (3) Is there any quantified (even very rough) number to propose ?
 - (4) How many subsets do we need ? And what for, if they are more than one?
 - (5) What will it be applied for ? (The scope)
 - (6) How should we select the coded ideographs of the basic subsets ?
(The criteria)
 - (7) Do you have any data available to help out in selecting the candidates of the subsets ? Say, the usage frequency of ideographs ?
 - (8) What is the relationship between the international basic CJK subsets and the national/regional ones.

5. We will have deeper and formal discussion at IRG# 20 in Hanoi.

Looking forward to receiving your feedback, and it is required to notify me WHO will attend the CJK Subsets Interest Group by 31 August, 2002.

Best regards,

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