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Work Group of Chinese Digitalization

In order to promote the Hanzi digitalization, organized by Chinese IT Standardization Technical Committee and National Language Committee, people from IT field and linguistics met in Oct. 2002, and a work group was founded. Attendees were invited to meet periodically after this meeting.

Attendees believe that the international standard, ISO/IEC 10646, is the best way of implementation of ideograph encoding, it should be encouraged to be adopted ASAP in ideograph-use areas.

Attendees discussed the matter of International CJK basic subset and exchanged their opinions with Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau later.

Linguists introduced their studies on hanzi variants, Chinese dialect hanzi, hanzi for special use (such as those for people's names, place names, Chinese medical use Hanzi, etc.), Chinese minority nationalities' ideographs. The meeting discussed the possibility of these Hanzi's encoding in CJK_C2. The scheme of ancient Hanzi encoding was also discussed.

IT people and linguists noticed that encoding of these Hanzi needs expertise contributed by the two fields, people agree to promote their cooperation. Then 3 cooperative meetings were held before the IRG Hanoi meeting.

Translation of ISO/IEC 10646-1 and -2

The counterpart of ISO/IEC 10646 in China is GB 13000. Its first edition is released in 1993, corresponding to the 1st edition of ISO/IEC 10646 part 1. The Chinese version of 2nd edition of this part is scheduled to be finished in 2002. Besides, the Chinese version of 2nd part of ISO/IEC 10646 is scheduled to be finished in 2003.