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Japan Activity Report May 2005

1 Japan National Body Activities

1.1 Overview

Japan has two committees for the SC2 related issues. They both belong to the IPSJ/ITSCJ (Information Processing Society of Japan, Information Technology Standards Commissions of Japan.) One of the committees is the higher-level committee called JSC2 that acts for the SC2 and WG2 matters. Another is called KWG (which stands for Kanji Working Group) that acts for the IRG matters. Each committee monthly meets face-to-face.

KWG currently consists of 14 members and 4 observers, who are experts of coded character sets and/or ideographic characters.

1.2 Recent Activities

After the last IRG meeting, KWG spent its effort on Extension-C1 review. To progress the review work effectively, Japan introduced the result of the CHISE project, use of the IDS, at the last IRG editorial meeting time. We continue to develop some documents, such as IDS principle and usage guidelines, with its rapporteur to use it for the IRG review work. We still have some issues to use this result for the editorial review work, and hopefully they will be discussed among the IRG editors.

Besides, CHISE people has been working to improve their data and other development. They are developing the Web-based user interface for browsing the IDS data easily.

[CHISE project] <http://www.kanji.zinbun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/projects/chise/index.html.en>

[Web base interface (trial)] <http://mousai.kanji.zinbun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ids-find>

1.3 Attending to International Meetings

3 delegates from Japan attended the last SC2/WG2 meeting in Xiamen. 5 delegates from KWG attended the last IRG meeting in Jeju.

1.4 Partnership with experts

Japan gets new cooperator. Prof. Motoo Kudo of Research Center for Enhancing Local Cultures in Asia in the Graduate School of Letters, Arts and Sciences at Waseda University (早稲田大学大学院文学研究科 アジア地域文化エンハンシング研究センター) and his team. Their experties includes an archaeological and ethnological study of Sichuan and they are developing database. They probably be able to contribute to the Old Hanzi Interest Group work.