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IRG_Korea Activity Report

1. Korea national body activities

Korea national body members reorganized a KIRG committee in Korea for the active participation of KIRG meeting in Korea. The new committee had a meeting four times after the last IRG meeting in Jeju. The new committee discussed the problem of assigning new characters to the Korean Standards and Unicode CJK Sets.

Many delegates pointed out the necessity of clear rule for unifying characters. If the new character have the semantic equivalence with the variant characters that is already in unicode, it should be unified with the existing characters. This rule is a basic one for unifying characters, but it is not strictly obeyed in the course of reviewing CJK C1 sets. If we do not unify the variant characters that have the semantic equivalence, CJK sets in unicode can be an inefficient code sets.

Korea national body members concluded that it is necessary for the IRG committee to review the rule for unifying characters from the time of beginning of CJK extension work and make a document that defines rules for unifying characters.

2. Recent Activities

KIRG members decided that it would be good for TCA to support extracting visual information for the characters of CJK Ext B that is submitted by republic of Korea.

3. Ext.C1 Editorial Review

IRG_Korea reviewed E41 of Ext.C1 and distributed some comments about the errors for the number and the sequence of strokes of 16 characters. But IRG_Korea think that if we strictly unify characters considering the semantic equivalence, the number of unifiable characters will be increased.

4. Attending to international meetings

Mr. Lee, the local secretary of IRG committee attended the last SC2/WG2 meeting in Xiamen, China. 4 delegates from republic of Korea attended the meeting in Xiamen.

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