

Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set UCS
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1. The new version of CNS 11643 had been approved by BSMI (Bureau of Standard, Metrology and Inspection), the organization for standardization in Taiwan. BSMI plan to publish CNS 11643:2005 on July, 2005, after all Chinese characters in Sun style for planes 1 to 7 had been reviewed by ideographic experts. In addition, BSMI will host 3 seminars for promoting the usages of CNS 11643:2005 and relative standards on June, 2005.
2. For the studying work on the old Hanzi encoding, CMEX (Chinese Foundation for Digitization Technology) hosted the 4th meeting on April 22, 2005. In the meeting, the old Hanzi experts discussed some samples of Shang Jiaguwen, Shang Jiaguwen and Warring Kingdoms Jinwen. During the discussion, the experts found some problems regarding character selection and collection, character sorting, etc. Based on the conclusion of the meeting, TCA proposed 2 documents to IRG and suggest discuss them in the old Hanzi expert group.
3. Based on the project from BSMI, CMEX will propose a draft standard, tentatively named "CNS 11643-3: Structural descriptions for Chinese characters". CNS 11643-1, CNS 11643-2 and CNS 11643-3 form a mechanism to descript the structure of each Chinese character on the planes 1 & 2. CNS 11643-1 specifies total 35 strokes for all Chinese characters on the planes 1 & 2. CNS 11643-2 specifies total 517 basic components for all Chinese characters on the planes 1 & 2. And for each Chinese character on the planes 1 & 2, CNS 11643-3 specifies its structural description in terms of components. There is an example shown below.

