

Title: Japan's Concern on Old Hanzi Report (IRG N 1615) and a Request to the expert Group.

Source: Japan

At the last meeting, IRG had resolved M32.9 and the old hanzi work would be finalized at IRG #34. Japan expected that the group will report the status of the progress at this meeting but IRG N1615 doesn't cover such information. This document reports only what has been done by the group, but not the actual contents of workings at all. Japan has worried that nobody could check nor evaluate whether their past works or future plans are appropriate or not from this document. On the other hand, the group request IRG to accept their new schedule. Japan feels this is a very serious situation.

Based on this situation, Japan would like IRG to withhold their request on the schedule, and request to the group to show the information of its work like below the soonest as possible:

- (1) Working sources and how the group treated these sources (procedures).
- (2) Their criteria on classifying the input sources.
- (3) Their encountered problems during the working processes and how Ad-Hoc group solved them,
- (4) Characteristics of output works. (If the work has not yet finished, then the characteristics of current workings.)
- (5) Other notable things found during the works of past 5 years.

Japan requests the above information, so that the IRG / WG2 members and other Old-Hanzi experts can verify and evaluate the Old-Hanzi standardization processes. Such information is crucial for us to judge whether their future plans are appropriate or not.

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