

Japan's concern regarding how to develop CJK code chart for 3ed. 10646

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Overview:

WG2 is planning to start FDIS ballot for ISO/IEC10646 3ed. on September as resolved WG2 M57.12. Japan sees, however, CJK code chart will not be good enough after this meeting ends, especially for CJK Extension B. This paper will summarize the status of CJK code chart and suggests seeking some compromise for act at the next WG2 on June.

Status of development:

- WG2 is planning to start FDIS ballot for 3ed 10646 on September.
- On 3ed. CJK B code chart is expanded to multi-column format. All glyphs are new to review. Consequently, so many errors (this means violation of consistency of the standard) are found through the 2-round review. Some need to be corrected of glyphs and another need to be recorded some explanations.
- IRG has reviewed 2-round on the multicolumn of CJK B. This means all member body has reviewed a half-amount at least. (Note: there are only 303 J-glyphs and JNB has reviewed all these glyphs).
- After the last meeting, it seems not all corrections of font have been done. IRG needs to confirm the status of the work.
- After this meeting ends, rest work may need several months at least. On the other hand, by when WG2 needs the final fonts if it starts the next ballot on September? Also, IRG should confirm the correction. This means that output from IRG might not be able to catch the deadline.

Suggestion:

- IRG should stop the CJK B review up to this meeting (although each member has reviewed only a half amount) and start to finish the related works.
- IRG should set the deadline that the font correction will be completed and ask WG2 project editor to produce the code chart with the corrected fonts at that timing.

- IRG should ask to WG2 to have time for review regarding the correction (at least one week) before the next ballot starts.
- IRG should decide not to include the related column in the 3ed. in case of missing the deadline, as resolved M32.3
- IRG should request to WG2 not to start the next ballot immediately. IRG should ask to set 2nd FCD, or delay the FDIS schedule for several months (depend on IRG works above)
- Or, 3ed. should use the single column format the same as 2ed.
- IRG Rapporteur should report the situation and solution like above to the next WG2 on June.

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