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## 1 Japan National Body Activities

### 1.1 Overview

JNB for SC2 (JSC2) is set at the IPSJ/ITSCJ (Information Processing Society of Japan, Information Technology Standards Commissions of Japan) and the committee monthly meets face-to-face. This committee is responsible for the all JTC1/SC2 activities. It has 19 members and 10 observers, who are experts of coded character sets and/or ideographic characters.

### 1.2 Attending to the International Meetings

Four delegates attended the IRG ChongQing meeting in April. One delegate attended the WG2 Helsinki meeting in June and the old hanzi ad hoc meeting in Taipei, respectively. Japan is also preparing another ad hoc meeting for the old hanzi group.

## 2 Recent Activities related IRG

- CJK B multicolumn font review as resolved in M36.3
- CJK E v6.2 review as resolved in M36.6.
- Review on old hanzi database as resolved in M36.7 and attending the discussion at the ad hoc meeting.
- Public reviewing for the 2nd batch IVD register as PRI187.
- Study on the new CJK unified ideographs for the future extension.

## 3 IVS registration

Public review for the 2nd Hanyo-Denshi collection to register to Unicode IVD was started on July and closed on 5th October. Information can be get at:

<http://www.unicode.org/ivd/pri/pri187/>

Japan community for IVS is now studying on review comments for disposing and will revise the proposal soon. After that Japan expects new VSes (variation selectors) for glyphs will be assigned officially.

## 4 Preliminary announcement of CJK unified ideographs for future extension

As announced before (cf. IRG N1621, etc.), JNB is working on proposal adding to CJK unified ideographs based on outcome of METI project. This time Japan submits IRG N1813 as preliminary announcement for the future extension. Japan would like to request IRG to discuss the target period of finishing CJK E work and the start of new work for the extension.

## 5 Research and development on the construction of the character Information infrastructure

In Japanese governmental system, it is mandatory to handle the special Kanji characters which were

used for the traditional name of individuals and the shape variation of the same character because it processes the name of human beings for the residential information a lot.

This October, IPA (Information-technology Promotion Agency, Japan) has developed the new IPA font "IPAmj Mincho" and has opened it to the public. This new font includes almost sixty thousand glyphs and supports VS for glyphs in Hanyo-Denshi collection. This font has a restriction that glyphs that are not assigned UCS code or VS can not be accessed via normal process for the moment.

Related information can be get at:

<http://ossipedia.ipa.go.jp/ipamifont/> (Japanese only)

Note that this version is opened for trial purpose and mapping information is needed to be verified.

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