

Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set UCS
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## 1. Ownership change for Chinese online dictionaries:

In order to reorganize the Ministry of Education (MOE) of our government, the National Institute for Compilation and Translation (NICT) was merged into the National Academy for Educational Research (NAER), and the National Languages Committee (NLC) was merged into the Department of Lifelong Education. From that time on, the responsibilities for maintaining all Chinese online dictionaries developed by NICT and by NLC were changed to NAER. Those Chinese online dictionaries include:

- (1) <http://terms.naer.edu.tw/> (bilingual terminologies for academic researches),
- (2) <http://dict.concised.moe.edu.tw> (concise Chinese dictionary for primary education),
- (3) <http://dict.mini.moe.edu.tw/> (mini Chinese dictionary for primary education),
- (4) <http://dict.revised.moe.edu.tw/> (revised Chinese dictionary for general purpose),
- (5) <http://dict.variants.moe.edu.tw/> (Chinese variants dictionary for education and researches) and its new version <http://dict2.variants.moe.edu.tw/variants/>, and
- (6) <http://dict.idioms.moe.edu.tw> (Chinese idioms dictionary for general purpose).

## 2. New version of the Dictionary of Chinese character variants:

The new version of the Dictionary of Chinese character variants was announced on August, 2012 and it is open to public for testing now. The major differences between the new version and the original one are as follows:

- (1) Chinese characters are displayed in Unicode as appropriate; and

- (2) in addition to only “radical and stroke count”, some new search methods were provided , such as “single character”, “pronunciation in Bopomofo”, “pronunciation in pinyin”, “Cangjie code”, “4 corn code”, and their combination.

The URL of the new version of the Dictionary of Chinese character variants is <http://dict2.variants.moe.edu.tw/variants/>.

### **3. Revision on the full repertoire of CNS 11643 characters:**

For the full repertoire of CNS 11643 Font server (<http://www.cns11643.gov.tw/>), there are some Chinese character sharps different from those in the code tables of CNS 11643(2007 revision). In order to solve those inconsistencies, the DIM of RDEC (the Department of Information Management of Research, Development and Evaluation Commission) started a program to check Chinese characters in the CNS 11643 Font server repertoire with the code tables of CNS 11643(2007 revision) and to fix them for eliminating differences in sharps. Besides, the DIM of RDEC also revises the incorrectness of Chinese character attributes.