

Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set  
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## 1. Andrew West 魏安 (1960-2025)

July 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 sadly saw the passing of Andrew West who made many contributions to ISO 10646 not only through the UK national body but also as an individual and in collaboration with others. The breadth and depth of Andrew's contributions towards the encoding of CJK ideographs, Jurchen, Khitan, Manchu, Mongolian, Phags-pa, Tangut and many other scripts, was an important part of his life, that marked him as an expert among experts. For over two decades Andrew was the driving force behind much of the work of the UK in WG2 and SG2, even attending virtually the meetings in June, three weeks before. Rather than diminishing over the years Andrew's contributions to the IRG increased. Andrew's enthusiasm, willingness to help others and dedication earned him well-deserved friendship and respect. He will be missed.

## **2. ws2024 and beyond**

- Work continues on the current working set.
- Initial preparation has begun for the next working set.
- The UK particularly welcomes the proposed increase in size of future working sets to about 10k in the new PnP.
- The first meeting of the CJKVZ Discussion Group, CDG, was held.
- Consideration is being given to the possibility of a small number of horizontal extensions.