

Update on SC2 N4577 “Request to reserve the code point for square Japanese new era name”

The Japan National Body

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Dear ISO/IEC JTC1/SC2 chair,

In SC2 N4577, the Japanese National Body has requested SC2 and Unicode Technical Committee to reserve the code point for square Japanese new era name in the ISO/IEC 10646 and Unicode standard.

Unicode Technical Committee has discussed this request at UTC #154 meeting on January 2018, and concluded to recommend the inclusion into the future version of Unicode with reserving the code point U+32FF.

As for the schedule to announce the Japanese new era name, the Japanese government is likely to announce it after the commemorative ceremony on February 24th, 2019 at the present emperor's 30th anniversary, according to news updates. The latest news also reported that Japanese government is preparing to announce the new era name no later than one month before May 1st, 2019.

With these updates, we would like to discuss the following requests at SC2 #23 & WG2 #67 meeting in London.

- To reserve the code point U+32FF for square Japanese new era name in the ISO/IEC 10646 standard.
- To instruct the project editor to take an appropriate necessary action in order to formalize the square Japanese new era name right after the announcement of the new Japanese era name.

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