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Title: Supplement on Proposal for Encoding Naxi Dongba Pictograph script

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Action: To be considered

This document is to supplement the proposal for Encoding Naxi Dongba Pictographic Script based on the ad hoc report on Naxi Dongba which was made during the #58 ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2/WG 2 meeting in Helsinki, Finland.

On the ad hoc group meeting in Helsinki, the following conclusions were made:

- China shall supplement the proposal with examples of Naxi Dongba in modern use in books, newspapers and magazines.
- It shall be specified in the proposal that the encoding initiative is aimed to facilitate modern use and that support for traditional use is not necessary.
- Alphabetical ordering is recommended for the code charts.

The purpose of encoding Naxi Dongba pictographic script is to facilitate modern use of it. It is not for the traditional use. Naxi Dongba pictographic script is widely used in daily life nowadays by Naxi people. Signboards and signposts of Dongba are easily found in the Old Town of Lijiang. Another important use of Naxi Dongba script is in publishing of books, including textbooks for bilingual education. In addition to these two main public areas, it is also used by individuals in their work and life, such as writing speech draft (see the appendix image 2). In the proposal N4043, we provided some samples of Naxi Dongba used in modern life. One is a page from a published book, and the other is a couplet on the door of a Naxi family. More samples are attached in the end of this file.

The images show that the Naxi Dongba characters in the texts are appeared in a linear manner, which is different from the traditional way. An important fact should be noticed that because there is no way to use computer to input the Naxi Dongba characters, all of them are written by hand by the authors. And it is a time consuming work to do it. It is necessary and urgent to encode Naxi Dongba script.

We recommend alphabetical ordering for the code charts. In the proposal N4097, a name table for the Dongba characters is provided, in which the characters are arranged in alphabetical order based on the pronunciation of the characters in Naxi language. As stated previously, it is aimed to encode the Naxi Dongba for modern use. Alphabetical ordering is widely accepted by modern society. It will be more convenient to use for Naxi people as well as people who study Naxi.

Image 1: A page from the book *POPULAR DONGBA SCRIPT* by He Limin, published by Guangdong Technology Publishing House in 2007.

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汉语词译	天	际	云	白	间	鹤	白	云	追	逐
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Image 2: A page of speech draft by Mr. He Huaqiang for a speech contest in Lijiang.

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