

Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set UCS

WG2 N4240

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Japan appreciates TCA's consideration of the relationship between IRG and Old Hanzi group described in WG2 N4229. Japan will support the proposal changing the process as other historic scripts drafted by the voluntary experts groups, if Old Hanzi group has a consensus about it and the Rapporteur finds no problem. However, there are a few unclear points in WG2 4229. The points and Japanese comments are summarized as follows.

1. The action items that had already been assigned to Old Hanzi group.

IRG has assigned a few action items to the Old Hanzi group during IRG#37, mainly the request of the clarification of the project goal, process, and undefined terminology in the documents previously submitted to IRG. In WG2 4229, it is unclear if TCA proposes to carry them over, or cancel them. Japan requests that the assigned items should be finished before changing the position of Old Hanzi group, because IRG is assigned by WG2 to discuss the Old Hanzi encoding and IRG should submit the summary report. The assigned items are very fundamental for any scripts encoding, and they are not given by the viewpoints of modern CJK ideographs.

2. The position of Old Hanzi meeting.

It seems that TCA compares Old Hanzi meeting(s) with the "Oxford meeting" of Egyptian Hieroglyph standardization process, but their purposes are quite different. The current Old Hanzi meetings are held for drafting, but the Oxford meeting was held *after* drafting. The Oxford meeting is a symposium to promote the draft and gather the feedbacks from scholars *who had not participated in the drafting*. If "Egyptian job model" is applied, the draft of Old Hanzi encoding must be promoted and reviewed publicly, by the experts who had not participated in the drafting. Japan supports the proposal taking this style, because Old Hanzi group had ever mentioned about public review of their result.

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