

Ideographic Research Group

Title: IRG Meeting #66 Recommendations and Action Items

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IRG Meeting #66, which was attended by experts from China, Republic of Korea (ROK), Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR, SAT Daizōkyō Text Database Committee, TCA, UK, US, UTC, and Vietnam, along with individual experts, has made the following recommendations and action items:

Recommendation IRG M66.01: Future Meeting Schedule

Unanimous

The following is the future IRG meeting schedule:

- IRG Meeting #67: Tōkyō, Japan (hybrid), 2026-10-12/16 — *hosting by SAT* — **approved by WG 2**
- IRG Meeting #68: Virtual (Webex), 2027-03-15/19 — **approved by WG 2**
- IRG Meeting #69: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (hybrid), 2027-10-11/15 — *hosting by Fulbright University* — *to be approved by WG 2*
- IRG Meeting #70: Virtual (Webex), 2028-03-13/17 — *to be approved by WG 2*
- IRG Meeting #71: Fall 2028 — *seeking host*

As a reminder, the Spring meeting is virtual (Webex), and the Fall meeting is hybrid, which requires a host for in-person attendees. If there is no host, the Fall meeting shall be virtual (Webex).

Recommendation IRG M66.02: IRG Document Migration Status

Unanimous

The current IRG Convenor began the process of migrating available documents from the previous IRG document register to the current one on 2024-07-08, and finished on 2026-02-14. Approximately 700 early IRG documents were not available, and therefore could not be migrated. IRG member bodies and experts—both former and current—who have in their printed or digital archives any early IRG documents are strongly encouraged to provide them to the IRG Convenor for posting to the current IRG document register.

Recommendation IRG M66.03: Confirmation of UCV and NUCV Lists

Document References: [IRG N2886](#) & [IRG N2911](#)

Unanimous

The IRG confirmed the new and updated UCV and NUCV examples in document IRG N2886, which was produced after IRG Meeting #65. The confirmed document was linked from the IRG home page and the IWDS page by the IRG Convenor on 2026-03-16.

Recommendation IRG M66.04: Updated UCV and NUCV Lists

Document References: [IRG N2910](#) & [IRG N2911](#)

Unanimous

The IRG provisionally accepts the new and updated UCV and NUCV examples in Appendix B of document IRG N2910, with one case requiring further discussion.

Action Items:

- 2026-04-24: The IWDS Editor prepares updated UCV and NUCV lists as document IRG N2931
- 2026-07-24: IRG experts review document IRG N2931 and submit feedback to the IRG Convenor and IWDS Editor
- 2026-08-28: The IWDS Editor submits document IRG N2931R, if necessary
- 2026-09-25: IRG experts submit to the IRG Convenor and IWDS Editor any remaining feedback for confirmation during IRG Meeting #67

Recommendation IRG M66.05: Updated IRG Disunified Ideographs

Document References: [IRG N2892](#) & [IRG N2911](#)

Unanimous

The IRG accepts the new “IRG Disunified Ideographs” page, to be maintained by the IRG Convenor, as a replacement for IWDS Series 4 (*List of Disunified Ideographs*) that will no longer be maintained by the IRG Chief Editor.

Recommendation IRG M66.06: Disunification of U+2E5A2

Document References: [IRG N2894](#), [IRG N2896](#), [IRG N2897](#) & [IRG N2911](#)

Unanimous

The IRG recommends that the disunification of U+2E5A2 as proposed in document IRG N2894 and the K-source representative glyph change of U+2E5A2 as proposed in document IRG N2896 not be accepted, based on ROK feedback in document IRG N2897.

Recommendation IRG M66.07: IRG Working Set 2024

Document References: [IRG N2887](#), [IRG N2888](#) & [IRG N2910](#)

Unanimous

The IRG reviewed the feedback and responses in IRG Working Set 2024 Version 4.0, and recommends that IRG Working Set 2024 Version 5.0 be produced, based on conclusions that are recorded in document IRG N2910.

The following is the IRG Working Set 2024 Version 5.0 schedule:

Action Items:

- 2026-05-01: The IRG Chief Editor and ORT Manager fix all data; submitters that need to update representative glyphs provide updated fonts to the IRG Chief Editor and ORT Manager—6 weeks
- 2026-05-29: The ORT Manager releases IRG Working Set 2024 Version 5.0 online via the ORT and as document IRG N2932 with an attached attributes file in Excel format—4 weeks
- 2026-07-17: ORT Editors submit comments online via the ORT—7 weeks
- 2026-08-14: The ORT Manager releases Consolidated Comments online and as document IRG N2933—4 weeks
- 2026-10-09: Submitters provide responses to comments online via the ORT—Friday before IRG Meeting #67

Recommendation IRG M66.08: Next IRG Working Set Submission Estimates

Document References: [IRG N2911](#) & [IRG N2921](#)

Unanimous

In preparation for announcing the submission deadline for the next IRG working set, which may be as early as next year, the IRG Convenor requests that active IRG member bodies include as an item in their activity report for IRG Meeting #67 an estimate of how many ideographs they would ideally submit. IRG member bodies should keep in mind that the size of the next IRG working set is targeted to be approximately 10,000 ideographs. Note that some IRG member bodies may submit a smaller number of ideographs or none at all.

Action Items:

- 2026-09-25: IRG member bodies that plan to submit ideographs for the next IRG working set include in their activity report for IRG Meeting #67 an estimate of how many ideographs they plan to submit

Recommendation IRG M66.09: China Horizontal Extension

Document References: [IRG N2835R](#), [IRG N2838](#), [IRG N2911](#), [IRG N2923R](#) & [IRG N2929](#)

Unanimous

The IRG recommends that IRG experts carefully review China's 9,156-ideograph horizontal extension as proposed in document IRG N2929, and provide feedback to China. The IRG expects to accept a revised version of this horizontal extension as document IRG N2929R during IRG meeting #67. Document IRG N2929 includes as a PDF attachment a TrueType font that provides the new G-source representative glyphs. The IRG further recommends that China considers the horizontal extensions suggested in documents IRG N2838 (5) and IRG N2923R (9), and to prepare a separate horizontal extension for them, if necessary, or merge them into document IRG N2929R.

Action Items:

- 2026-08-28: IRG experts provide to China feedback on document IRG N2929
- 2026-09-25: China prepares and submits document IRG N2929R for review during IRG Meeting #67

Recommendation IRG M66.10: Revised G-Source References

Document References: [IRG N2911](#), [IRG N2919R](#), [IRG N2923R](#) & [IRG N2930](#)

Unanimous

The IRG recommends that the three G-source reference changes, as proposed in document IRG N2930, be accepted. The 342 G-source reference changes, as proposed in documents IRG N2919R (13) and IRG N2923R (329), require further discussion and a decision from China.

Action Items:

- 2026-09-25: China prepares and submits a response to the G-source reference changes, as proposed in documents IRG N2919R and IRG N2923R, for discussion during IRG Meeting #67

Recommendation IRG M66.11: Revised G-Source Representative Glyphs

Document References: [IRG N2911](#) & [IRG N2919R](#)

Unanimous

The IRG recommends that China considers changing the G-source representative glyphs for U+250A9, U+25805, and U+26C25, as proposed in document IRG N2919R, based on its own feedback, for discussion at IRG Meeting #67.

Action Items:

- 2026-09-25: China prepares and submits a response to the G-source representative glyph changes, proposed in document IRG N2919R, for discussion during IRG Meeting #67

Recommendation IRG M66.12: Revised T-Source Representative Glyphs

Document References: [IRG N2860](#), [IRG N2861](#), [IRG N2911](#) & [IRG N2927R](#)

Unanimous

The IRG recommends that the T-source representative glyph change for U+2976E, as proposed in document IRG N2927R, be accepted. Document IRG N2927R includes as a PDF attachment a TrueType font that provides its updated T-source representative glyph.

Recommendation IRG M66.13: Revised K-Source Representative Glyphs

Document References: [IRG N2911](#) & [IRG N2916](#)

Unanimous

The IRG recommends that the K-source representative glyph change for U+2DB7C, as proposed in document IRG N2916, be accepted. This includes updating the *kRSUnicode* property value of U+2DB7C.

Action Items:

- 2026-04-30: ROK submits to WG 2 a TrueType font with the updated K-source representative glyph for U+2DB7C per document IRG N2916

Recommendation IRG M66.14: Revised UK-Source Representative Glyphs

Document References: [IRG N2911](#) & [IRG N2918](#)

Unanimous

The IRG recommends that UK considers changing the UK-source representative glyphs for U+3062B and U+30C68, as proposed in document IRG N2918, based on its own feedback and feedback from China and TCA, for discussion at IRG Meeting #67.

Action Items:

- 2026-09-25: China and UK prepare and submit responses to document IRG N2918 for discussion during IRG Meeting #67
- 2026-09-25: TCA optionally prepares and submits a response to this document

Recommendation IRG M66.15: Revised V-Source Representative Glyphs

Document References: [IRG N2911](#) & [IRG N2928](#)

Unanimous

The IRG recommends that Vietnam considers changing the V-source representative glyphs for U+268A1 and U+268A2, as proposed in document IRG N2928, in the future if additional supporting evidence can be found.

Vietnam's review of the original evidence for these two ideographs confirmed that the current representative glyphs are, in fact, intended. Vietnam also confirmed that the representative glyph changes suggested in document IRG N2928 are semantically reasonable, but more evidence will be required to justify the changes. If sufficient evidence is found, Vietnam will propose changing their representative glyphs.

Recommendation IRG M66.16: Establishing a Normative IRG Source for Singapore (SG)

Document References: [IRG N2530](#), [IRG N2536](#), [IRG N2545](#), [IRG N2826](#), [IRG N2828](#), [IRG N2841](#), [IRG N2911](#) & [IRG N2926](#)

Unanimous

The IRG recommends that a new normative IRG source for Singapore (SG), *kIRG_SGSource*, as proposed in document IRG N2926, be established, and that the existing G-source references and representative

glyphs with the “GS” source prefix be moved to the new *kIRG_SGSource* property with the “SG” source prefix as proposed in the document.

Per the second Action Item of Recommendation IRG M65.19 in document IRG N2826, the IRG Convenor forwarded document IRG N2926 to SSC (*Singapore Standards Council*) on 2026-02-26 to solicit their feedback, but has not yet received a reply. At the request of the IRG Convenor, the Committee Manager of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2 also forwarded the document to SCC on 2026-03-17.

Action Items:

- 2026-05-29: The IRG Convenor submits document IRG N2926 to WG 2 for consideration during WG 2 Meeting #73

Recommendation IRG M66.17: CJKV Components Blocks

Document References: [IRG N2645](#), [IRG N2702](#), [IRG N2728](#), [IRG N2733R](#), [IRG N2739](#), [IRG N2740](#), [IRG N2765](#), [IRG N2799](#), [IRG N2828](#), [IRG N2852](#), [IRG N2878R3](#), [IRG N2890](#), [IRG N2895](#), [IRG N2911](#) & [IRG N2917](#)

Unanimous

The IRG recommends that document IRG N2878R3, which proposes to standardize the “CJK Unified Ideographs Components-A” (2FA20..2FA96; block: 2FA20..2FA9F) and “CJK Unified Ideographs Components-B” (2FAA0..2FC16; block: 2FAA0..2FC1F) blocks with 119 and 375 CJKV components, respectively, be forwarded to WG 2 for adding to the ISO/IEC 10646 standard. The document includes as PDF attachments the required normative and informative metadata and TrueType fonts.

The IRG further recommends that the authors of document IRG N2878R3 explore methods that allow individual IRG experts to propose additional CJKV components for future CJK Unified Ideographs Components blocks.

Action Items:

- 2026-05-29: The IRG Convenor prepares and appends to document IRG N2878R3 a “Proposal Summary Form,” then submits it to WG 2 for consideration during WG 2 Meeting #73

Recommendation IRG M66.18: Consolidated FS & SC Guidelines

Document References: [IRG N954AR](#), [IRG N1105](#), [IRG N2171](#), [IRG N2221](#), [IRG N2828](#), [IRG N2862R2](#), [IRG N2911](#) & [IRG N2915](#)

Unanimous

The IRG accepts document IRG N2862R2 as a replacement for all previous documents that prescribed FS (*First Stroke*) and SC (*Stroke Count*) values—documents IRG N954AR, IRG N1105, IRG N2171, and IRG N2221—and instructs the document author to prepare a final version as document IRG N2951 (to be entitled “Consolidated FS & SC Guidelines”).

Action Items:

- 2026-05-29: The document author prepares and submits document IRG N2951
- 2026-05-29: The IRG Convenor adds document IRG N2951 to IWDS Series 1

Recommendation IRG M66.19: Rules for Assigning Radicals

Document References: [IRG N2652](#), [IRG N2911](#) & [IRG N2925](#)

Unanimous

The IRG recommends that the author of document IRG N2925 prepare a new document, IRG N2952 (to be entitled “Rules for Assigning Radicals”), which includes condensed versions of the rules as specified on pp 5 through 7 of that document. Once accepted by the IRG, document IRG N2952 is expected to be added to IWDS Series 1.

Action Items:

- 2026-05-29: The document author prepares and submits document IRG N2952

Recommendation IRG M66.20: IRG P&P Update

Document References: [IRG N2850R](#) & [IRG N2911](#)

Unanimous

The IRG accepts IRG Principles & Procedures Version 18, Draft 2 (IRG N2850R), and instructs the IRG Convenor to prepare the final version for publication, which is to be linked from the IRG home page and IWDS Series 1, and forwarded to WG 2 for their information.

Action Items:

- 2026-05-29: The IRG Convenor prepares the final version of IRG Principles & Procedures Version 18, links to it from the IRG home page and IWDS Series 1, and forwards it to WG 2

In Memoriam

IRG experts are deeply saddened by the loss of Professor Nguyễn Quang Hồng, whose lifetime of scholarship in Vietnamese linguistics and Nôm studies has profoundly shaped the field. His pioneering contributions—especially in Nôm philology, dictionary compilation, and the standardization of Nôm characters in the Unicode Standard—continue to guide researchers around the world.

Professor Hồng was the former vice-president of the Institute for Research into Hán and Nôm (*Viện Nghiên cứu Hán Nôm*). He was a lecturer in Vietnamese, Chinese and Linguistic Theory at the University of Hanoi, and also served as President of *The Linguistic Society of Viet Nam*, as well as Editor-in-Chief of *Language and Life* monthly magazine. He is the author of many important texts, including *Vietnamese Syllables and Their Expression of Poetic Functions*, *Sino-Nom Stone-engraved Texts in Viet Nam*, *Syllable and Linguistic Topologies*, *Ancient Texts at Dau Pagoda*, and *Tự điển chữ Nôm Việt*.

Professor Hồng was also active in the early standardization of Hán Nôm characters in the Unicode Standard, and attended a number of IRG meetings, including IRG Meeting #2 that took place in Hanoi, Vietnam in 1994.

Perhaps his most extraordinary, single, scholarly, and cultural achievement is his vast, two-volume, 2,323-page dictionary entitled *Tự Điển Chữ Nôm Dẫn Giải*, which was distributed to IRG experts during IRG Meeting #51 that took place in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2018. This dictionary continues to be a critical source of information and evidence for ideographs handled in the work of the IRG.

We will miss him greatly. May he rest in peace.

Appreciation

The IRG expresses its sincere thanks to the Unicode Consortium for hosting the current IRG home page and document register, to Apple for hosting the virtual meeting using Webex, and to Mr Henry CHAN for developing and continuing to improve the Online Review Tool (ORT) that has proven to be crucial for reviewing IRG working sets in a very efficient and effective manner.

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