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Dear Wei-Chang,

As you know, **pmc** is a rudimentary set of TEX macros and fonts for Chinese characters. Up until now, **pmc** on our computer system has supported only simplified characters. However, I have just installed support for traditional characters as well. This letter is a test of the traditional character extensions.

The suggested usage is to put a line such as `\input pmCb` somewhere near the beginning of your TEX file. You can then use `\beginBchinese` and `\endBchinese` to delimit groups. Within such a group, TEX will be able to process BIG-5 codes for traditional Chinese characters. Such a group should contain nothing except BIG-5 character codes and plain ASCII, and the line containing `\beginBchinese` should not contain anything else. However, such groups may contain the usual TEX control sequences. To preview and print your DVI files, use **xdvi** and **dvips** as usual. Some bugs and workarounds are discussed near the beginning of the `pmCb.tex` input file.

As I'm sure you know, BIG-5 is the Chinese character code system which is used in places like Taiwan and Hong Kong. The BIG-5 variant used here is completely compatible with your beloved ETEN (倚天) Chinese word processor. It is also compatible with the Taiwan national standard CNS-11643.

Those who prefer simplified characters can proceed as above with `pmCb` replaced by `pmCs`, `\beginBchinese` replaced by `\beginchinese`, `\endBchinese` replaced by `\endchinese`, and BIG-5 replaced by GB. Here GB stands for Guo2-Biao1 (國標, GB-2312), the standard system of Chinese character codes which is used on the mainland. In this case only, you can use `\bigCtrue` to give your Chinese characters an extra magstep 2 magnification.

In order to use **pmc** as above, you will need a way to insert BIG-5 or GB coded Chinese characters into your TEX files. For this purpose you can use Chinese vi or Chinese Emacs within a Chinese Xterm window. All of this software is presently running on our system under X Windows or Open Windows.

Here is an excerpt from a newsletter published by AHKCUS, the Association of Hong Kong Chinese in the United States.

美國香港華人聯會第一屆年會

美國香港華人聯會第一屆週年大會將於本年十一月九日 至十一日在史丹福大學召開，歡迎各界人士列席。

美港聯成立於今年二月在芝加哥舉行的全美香港華人大 會上，由多個來自美國各地的團體及個別人士組成，旨在提 倡中國和香港的民主發展，促進中國和香港人權，提高國際 間對中國和香港的關注及保護中國人在美國的利益和權利。

年會籌委會邀請了多位民主派組織的代表和美國國會議 員列席。 香港民主同盟代表何俊仁屆時將在同期舉行的研 討會上就『九一直選及香港民主前瞻』題目發表演說。 研 討會歡迎名界人士參與討論。香港支聯會、民主中國陣線、 香港專上學生聯會及全美學自聯等均在大會的邀請名單上。

大會將於十一月九日下午六時三十分在史丹福大學物理 授課大堂正式開幕。 一連三天的議程除了會務報告及幹事 會的改選外，亦包括了回顧名地分會活動、檢討聯會架構、 擬訂來年策略等。

籌委會估計是次年會開支約為伍仟美元，主要以分會售 賣T恤和各界人士捐款來籌備經費。 樂意協助大會開支人 士，捐款可寄交：

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美港聯年會籌委會聯絡 ： 電話（４０８）２４４－８１２４， 傳真（３０１）４４１－８９５４， 國際電 子郵件 ａｇｍ＠ａｈｋｃｕｓ．ｏｒｇ。

I hope you find this interesting.

Best regards,

Stephen G. Simpson