

NGTS-2  
Commonly Held Content In Non-Roman Scripts  
Monthly Report  
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NGTS-1 and NGTS-2 coordinated distribution and dissemination of survey. Following the deadline for survey submission, NGTS-2 reviewed survey results (outcome of 28 September 2009 and 21 October 2009 conference calls). Common themes, recurring issues, and similar suggestions were identified and flagged for future review. (Future review, in this case, meaning factoring into Phase 1 report and beyond.) The group also signed off on the endorsement template for non-Roman backlog elimination, as well as the HOTS language expertise spreadsheet.

At the 26 October 2009 meeting, Adam presented the group with his findings, ranked in order of continued analysis. Determined that prioritization according to short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals was most suitable, with the short-term corresponding to identified "low-hanging fruit," the long-term corresponding to wish lists of "wouldn't it be nice if..." scenarios, and the medium-term occupying the middle of the scale. Decided that Adam and Karen will work on taking UCB's current workflows regarding outsourcing Chinese-language cataloging, and its Japanese Kinokuniya approval plan to determine whether these are extendable to the system as a whole, either at the campus or network level.

The group is currently working toward delivering its Phase 1 report by the 13 November 2009 deadline. Likely components of this report to be findings on outsourcing non-Roman cataloging, the "good-enough" MARC record, non-Roman backlog elimination in general (and by script), and identification of script areas most suited for future collaboration and project development (viz., which vendor markets are most able to deliver good bibliographic records along with materials).