LibreOffice Asia Conference
2019 Tokyo; what we had achieved, and what's next

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• Who we are?
• Why “Asia Conference”? 
• What we have achieved 
• And... what’s next? 
• Conclusion
Who we are?

- From LibreOffice Japanese Team (Japanese NLP)
- Shinji Enoki
  - Certified LibO migration specialist
  - Host / exhibit so many Japanese local events
- Jun Nogata
  - Certified LibO training specialist
  - The designer of Impress theme “Alizarin” & “Midnight Blue”
  - Social network marketing (Twitter, Facebook)
- Naruhiko Ogasawara (me!)
  - JA translation co-coordinator
Why “Asia Conference”?
We are All Asian, but NOT unified

- No common languages
  - Less similarity

- If we, Asian, have to talk each other in English, we already have LibOCon, is it enough... yes?

- But little hard to participate for everyone
  - Have to take lots of vacation
  - High travel cost (may spend much TDF budget)
  - Long long flight...
  - Visa
And we have something to do together

Because we are:

- Geographically close
- Less timezone difference
- (In East Asia) needs common CJK features
- Sharing similar cultures than Europians (...?)
  - not sure personally, but at least Italo says that
So we need our regional event!

- Forerunners
  - GNOME.Asia Summit (Since 2008)
  - openSUSE.Asia Summit (Since 2014)

- From the perspective of a local organizer of openSUSE.Asia 2017 Tokyo, I felt that these events were meaningful for strengthening collaboration among communities in Asia.

- We want something like that! Named “Asia Conference!”
Previous AsiaCon year, 2018

• LibreOffice Conference Indonesia 2018
• LibreOffice Asia Meetup @ Taipei, Taiwan
• LibreOffice Conference 2018 Tirana
• Kyushu LibreOffice meetup 201 @ Fukuoka, Japan
Hi all,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has a nice 2019.

I've talked with Shinji san and Naru san about this: I proposed to convert LibreOffice Kaigi, which will be held in May 25, 2019, into a two-day LibreOffice Asia Conference from May 25-26.

In this LibreOffice Asia Conference, besides LibreOffice development and usage topics, an important part is to have a half-day "LibreOffice Business Workshop". I've invited Lothar Becker, the co-chairman of LibreOffice Certification Committee, to attend this conference and hold this workshop. He's quite interested and is waiting for our updates since he needs to reserve the time slot.

In this business workshop, we'd like to talk about (just proposals)

- what services should we provide to do a LibreOffice business
- how do we form an ally to provide services, and probably integrate with other open source business
- what is migration professional and what is the role of certified migration professionals in LibreOffice ecosystem

We may also hold an certification interview during this event.
Division of roles

- Franklin Weng (He is the our King!)
  - As BoD, inviting Italo and Lothar, TDF certification interviews preparation, and ask something to spend TDF budget
  - Bring some Taiwanese youth
  - We couldn’t do without you, much appreciated!

- Ahmad Haris
  - Ask FANS, Indonesia local company to become a sponsor

- JP team worked remains :)
What we have achieved?
Event schedule

- Day 0: May 24th (Fri): Welcome party
- Day 1: May 25th (Sat): Conference Day
- Day 2: May 26th (Sun): Business workshop & CJK Hackfest
- Day extra: May 27th (Mon): Official Tokyo tour
• Participates 80 people (counted Day 1)

• From 10 countries
  - Japan, Taiwan, China, South Korea, Indonesia, India, Italy, Germany, Albania, Nigeria
Keynotes

- Mark Hung: LibreOffice CJK Bugs, Fixes, and Stories.
- Italo Vignoli: LibreOffice, the many different faces of a global community
- Lothar Becker: Certified as a LibreOffice professional - a win/win/win situation for the community
Design works

• by Jun Nogata ... well done!
Business workshop

- Could discuss very interesting topics about LibO / OSS business in Asia
- Franklin proposed the idea of "ODF certification," about ODF and best ODFware’s functionality to create a great documents
  - It would be useful for corporate recruitment at least in Asia
• 4 candidate had applied
• And we now have 4 new certified specialist!
  – Eric Sun (TW)
  – Jun Meguro (JP)
  – Jun Nogata (JP)
  – Hitoshi Sugimoto (JP)
- Hack LibO to improve CJK features!
- **CJK hero Mark Hung** kindly helped us
  - Other LibO hackers, like Takeshi Abe, had gathered to help participants
- 10 people had attended
- DaeHyun Sung (KR) solved Korean font problem at this time
  - tdf#125481
- But honestly, JP community couldn’t attract developer candidates who want to try a “real” problem (not just trying to EasyHack)
Sponsorship

- Keep continuously contact with OSS-friendly local companies
  - like Cyboze, Inc.; our venue sponsor
- Ask foreign companies to support their countries’ speakers travel cost
  - To reduce international money transaction
  - FANS, the shoes manufacturer from Indonesia, kindly supported the speaker Kukuh Syafaat
Made JP community stronger

- Attracted more contributors to encourage JP community
  - Who haven’t active recently
  - Who have active other OSS but were not part of us

- Associate more Japanese people with the world by preparing the Japanese track even though the official language had been English
And we became little more global

- The relationship between each Asian community, at least Taiwan, Korea, Indonesia and Japan, was strengthened.
- And we could build a bridge from Asia to the global!
And... what’s next?
• Attract developer candidates for HackFest
  − Not only for AsiaCon but also Japanese community problem
  − CJK issues are easier to solve by ourselves
• Attract younger generation (students!)
  − As Taiwan community does
  − Make some strategy to touch with
• More local sponsors!
  – Would be nice if we have interpreter at least for keynotes; which is extremely expensive

• Cache control
  – Who should control whole amount of money?
Long term issues...

- Visa support
  - Our legal entities by each countries’ law is needed?
  - It is hard to support visa without it
  - For a while, find OSS-friendly domestic organizations to get support

- Expand to other Asian communities
  - To make Asian area map more green
    - Should DaeHyun Sung bring more Korean?
  - Strong Asia Conference committee? CFH? Or else?
Conclusion
The Asian Conference had been hoped to strengthen the relationship between Asian communities and to build a bridge with the global community.

This year, we were able to successfully hosted AsiaCon not only with the efforts of the out but also with the help of TDF and other Asian communities.

- Thanks again, Franklin! We couldn't done without you!

There are some future issues, but it was good that they became clear.
Thank you for your attention!
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• Our official site
  - http://conf.libreoffice.jp

• YouTube list
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvOkLdTEguo&list=PLaQzK7Tg6raZqFkSteARV7J_RkRtukYO6

• Peertube (thanks to Franklin!)

• Slides
  - https://conf.libreoffice.jp/program.html
Materials (2)

- **Reports (English)**

- **Reports (Japanese)**

- **Reports (Photos)**
Materials (3)

- Reports by participants

- Gift from Ahmad Haris
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0NJ1ztGs-8&feature=youtu.be