Building LibreOffice local community in Japan through event handling

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Japanese LibreOffice community have been organized many events.

In 2015, there was 46 events we have organized (10 hackfest).

We want to share what we are doing well.
what we have mistaken, what will be the next challenges, to organize LibreOffice local events.
Who am I?

- Shinji Enoki (榎榎榎)
  - Contribute OpenOffice.org community (2008-2011/3)
    - QA coordinator in Japanese Language Project
  - A member of LibreOffice Japanese Team (March 2011-)
    - Founding members
    - Join LibreOffice community in 2010
  - Main activity: organize events, grows community
    - I am not a developer
Agenda

- State of the Japanese community
- Building local community in Japan (event handling)
State of the Japanese community
Translations

- **UI**
  - 5.1 : 98%
  - master : 98%
  - So, good.
  - Quality Improvement is needed to some part.

- **Help**
  - 5.1 : 89%
  - master : 85%
  - Activity low..
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**Translations 2**

- **Web page**
  - Main page is completed.

- **Wiki**
  - Release Notes:
    - We divide Release Notes and translate them.

  - Other pages:
    - Nowadays this work is inactive.

- **Documents**
  - Not started.

- **Announce Mailing list**
  - Abe-san translates
QA

- discuss@ja ML: main communication channel is mailing list.
  - Is this a bug?
  - What is happening in other environments?
  - Sometimes, we have directly bug report to Bugzilla.

- language barrier is high.
  - A large difference between the English and Japanese language
  - Some are psychological problems
  - IMHO, This problem might be alleviated in the template.

- Talk: 14:30-15:00
  - "Typical" bugs of LibreOffice in Japanese environment
Mailing list

- http://nabble.documentfoundation.org/  (2016/9/1)

- There are three of the mailing list in Japanese (Topics 1554, Posts 4969)
  - announce@ja.libreoffice.org: topics 189
  - discuss@ja.libreoffice.org: topics 1106
  - users@ja.libreoffice.org: topics 240
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84 question (2016/9/9)
- Japanese version of ask is not active
- A few people answer the questions.
About Japanese Team

- https://wiki.documentfoundation.org/JA/Team
- This is a part of the Japanese community.
- It holds some events.
- We have also decided decision-making rules.
- There are 18 members. 8-9? of them are active in this year.
- There are more than 10-20 active members except in the Japanese team.
Building local community in Japan (event handling)
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At that time, there are problems of human relation and many members did not want to join Japanese community. For this reason, we launched a new study group for users in Kansai. We had 9 times meetings. (2008-2010) I started to join Japanese project, I exhibited our booth to open-source conferences in Kyoto and Kansai Open Source.
In March 2011, we organized Japanese team. Abe-san leaves the Kansai, libreoffice member gathered to party.
We changed group name from “OpenOffice.org study group” to “LibreOffice study group”.

Join OpenSource Events: (Exhibition and seminars)

- OpenSource Conference Kobe and Kyoto, KOF
We started to make an expedition to OpenSource Conference (OSC) in each area of Japan.

Purpose: We want other people in open source communities to know LibreOffice.

It had a little effect on the degree of name recognition, but the degree rose in open source communities.

The present purpose is to strengthen the relationship with other open source communities.
Study meeting/party was started in each area of Japan.
- Kanto (organizer Ogasawara-san)
  - Every month, night event
- Hamanako (organizer Sugimoto-san)
- Kyushu (organizer Annoura-san)
- Tokushima (organizer Enoki)
- LibreOffice mini conference in Japan started.
  - for contributors and users.
Hamanako Study meeting
Kanto LibreOffice HackFest
2014

- LibreOffice day, started (Feb. 19, organizer Enoki)
  - I hold this event in co-working space.
  - The owner of place take a part in WordPress Community.
  - We aim to raise the degree of name recognition for Mac users and CMS community.
  - We hold events for them but it is ineffective on marketing.
  - But, Not succeed.
  - We redefine the purpose for LibreOffice communities.
    - It is a place where we talk with each other and work together.
LibreOffice Day 1st
Kanto Hackfest
mini Conference 2014 Japan
Kansai LibreOffice Study Party
2015

- We focused hackfest.
  - for QA (7 times) by bug hunting session
  - for translation (1 time)
  - for development (1 time)
- We aimed to gain new contributors and carry on the work of community.
- Ishikawa-san joined bug hunting and he has held it by himself.
- But we have not gain enough contributors.
hackfest for translation
hackfest for development (build)
kansai hackfest for bughunting
hackfest (miniconf after events)
We achieve raising the degree of popularity and exchanging with other open source communities.

We offer places where users can meet each other.
More contributor do not join us.

Each task depend much on particular members.

If core members are gone, their know-how will be also gone. (excepting event know-how)

The degree of name recognition is fallen. It is difficult to raise only by holding events.

Many people take notice of LOOL, but the LibreOffice’s power is not enough.
We want to try Hackfest except bug hunting.

Purpose: gaining new contributors and share know-how with the existing members.

We will make Hackfest series to be regular.

It is easy to prepare and join if the pace of holding is fixed.
We have tried various activities in Japanese community
It is difficult to raise the degree of name recognition by holding events.
We aim to gain new contributors and share more know-how with the existing members.
Thank you!

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