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FOSSASIA 2015
Singapore
March 13 - March 15, 2015

FOSSASIA, Asia's premier open technology conference, will take place March 13-15 at Biopolis and LaunchPad.

Singapore, March 8, 2015 - FOSSASIA will run in Singapore for the first time this year. The conference will feature over 100 talks and workshops covering the latest in Free and Open Source Technology projects, including those focussed on the development of Singapore as a smart nation. It will be hosted by NUS Enterprise, ACE, Silicon Straits, JFDI and SingTel Innov8 in partnership with IDA, Red Hat, Google, Oracle, MySQL, Mozilla Foundation, Python Foundation, Treasure Data, MBM Asia, Uptime and many more. Registration is free for open source technology community participants. The event will kick off on Friday at Biopolis and continue on Saturday and Sunday at JTC LaunchPad @ one-north.

The organizers are particularly excited to welcome keynote speakers including Colin Charles from MariaDB running Wikipedia one of the biggest websites in the world, Italo Vignoli - co-founder of LibreOffice, Bunnie Huang - the founder of the Novena laptop project, Stefan Koehler - lead engineer of the City of Munich's whole-of-government Linux project LiMux, and Georg C. F. Greve - the founder of Free Software Foundation Europe.

Mario Behling, head of Program Planning, said "This year we are welcoming over 120 speakers from 26 countries, making this both the largest and most diverse FOSSASIA speaker roster ever. Of particular interest is the increasing presence of open hardware, which is important for Singapore as the growth in open hardware development combined with proximity to Asian manufacturing capacity and commitment to building a Smart Nation creates a wealth of opportunities for innovation."

Other topics and activities include: Free and Open Source software, web and mobile development, software for education, map solutions for websites and phones, open knowledge tools, Wikipedia, open data, big data, sensor networks, free wireless networks, graphic design, fashion technology, open source knitting machines, 3D printing, key signing parties to help local developers join the PGP web of trust and the opportunity for participants to obtain their Linux Foundation Certification organised by the Linux Foundation in cooperation with OlinData.

Agenda

Day 1, Fri.13 Mar, 9am - 5pm: <u>Opening Event at Biopolis</u> with IDA, Red Hat, Google, Mozilla
Day 2, Sat.14 Mar, 9am - 5pm: Talks and presentations of developers and designers at <u>LaunchPad @ one-north</u>
Day 3, Sun.15 Mar, 10am - 4.30 pm: Hands-on seminars and workshops at <u>LaunchPad</u>
After-Event, March 16-18: Circular Knitic Workshop at Singapore National Design Center

About FOSSASIA

FOSSASIA is the premier Free and Open Source Technology event in Asia for developers, startups, and contributors. Projects at FOSSASIA range from open hardware, to design, graphics and software. FOSSASIA was established in 2009. Previous events took place in Cambodia and Vietnam and have attracted over 1400 participants and speakers from 24 countries, with more than 100 volunteers. More than half of all participants were women.

Locations

- Friday March 13: Biopolis, Auditorium, Level 2 Matrix, 30 Biopolis Street, Singapore 138671
- Saturday/Sunday March 14/15: Launchpad, 71 Ayer Rajah Crescent, Singapore 139951

Full details of the FOSSASIA program can be found at: http://fossasia.org

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