

PyCon APAC 2023 Proposal

Reasons to hold PyCon APAC in Japan

Each year since 2011 we have held PyCon JP, an international conference for the promotion of the Python programming language.

In both 2018 and 2019, we had about one thousand attendees, thus becoming the third largest Python conference in the world after PyCon US and EuroPython. Given that track record, we would like to organize PyCon APAC in 2023, creating a space where Python users from Asia and beyond can gather and exchange their knowledge.

Past PyCon JPs

- PyCon mini JP (2011)
- PyCon JP 2011
- PyCon JP 2012
- PyCon APAC 2013 in Japan
- PyCon JP 2014
- PyCon JP 2015
- PyCon JP 2016
- PyCon JP 2017
- PyCon JP 2018
- PyCon JP 2019
- PyCon JP 2020 (online)
- PyCon JP 2021 (hybrid)
- PyCon JP 2022
 - Return to on-site with COVID-19 anti-measures.

For details, please see <https://www.pycon.jp/organizer/index.html>

Event Pictures

Pictures from past PyCon JPs can be found at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/pyconjp/albums>

Pre-preparations

Preparation for the conference has already begun, as we will hold a PyCon JP should we not get the PyCon APAC bid this year:

- Location: TOC Ariake, Odaiba, Tokyo, <https://www.toc.co.jp/saiji/ariake/>
- Date: October 26th (Thu) - 29th (Sun) 2023
- Chairperson: Lina Katayose (selina)
- Governing Body: PyCon JP Association, a Japanese non-profit organization.

The Team

We expect to build a team of about thirty volunteers, led by Lina Katayose, who chaired PyCon JP 2022. We hope that other volunteers from PyCon JP 2022 will also continue their contributions.

It is our plan to continue to use the same structure of teams as we have successfully done in the past. The teams, overseen by our chairperson and vice-chairs, will be:

- Sponsors Team: Negotiate with sponsors.
- PR Team: Handle public relations and communications.
- Content Team: Organizes the CfP, screens the submissions and builds the conference schedule.
- System Team: Handles our online presence and tools
- Design Team: Providing all designs for the conference
- Venue Team: Sets up the venue and liaises with the venue owners.
- Treasury Team: Handles finances and accounting
- English Team: Ensures the conference is accessible to non Japanese speakers.

The PyCon JP Association will provide legal assistance where necessary, sign contracts and handle up-front payments.

Anticipated scale

- Attendees: 1000
 - Location: Tokyo, easily accessible by public transportation from both international airports and for domestic attendees.
 - Tracks: 5
 - Talks: 50, including 2 keynotes
 - Sponsors: 1 Diamond, 3 Platinum, 20 Gold, plus various smaller sponsors
 - Space for exchanges between the various communities in APAC
 - Schedule:
 - 1 day of tutorials
 - 2 days of talks
 - 1 day of sprints
 - Organization team language: Japanese
 - Event language: English and Japanese
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