

Proposal of GNOME.Asia Summit 2018



Proposed city: Taiwan / Taipei

Proposed by: GNOME Taiwan Users Group

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1. Introduction

Taiwan, there are more than 50 conferences every year for different open source and free software, most events are for programmers and developers, but users and promoters also have lots of fun in those conferences.

Taipei, the most conferences and open source events happened in this city (more than 75%), and the communities meet weekly. Every month, there is a Hackathon for hacking different subjects and people who love new and creative things.

In 2010 we had GNOME.Asia summit with COSCUP and there were lots of Asian members attending it. This time we want to co-host with COSCUP again, and try to connect with more local open source communities.



Lots of countries are eligible for the 30 to 90 days visa exemption program.

(ref: <https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-149-270-9fd80-2.html>)

About COSCUP

COSCUP is an annual conference held by Taiwanese Open source community participants since 2006. It's a major force of Free software movement advocacy in Taiwan. The event is often held with talks, sponsor and communities booths, and Birds of a feather. In addition to international speakers, many Taiwanese local Open Source contributors often give their talks here. The chief organizer, staffs, and speakers are all volunteers.

COSCUP's aim is providing a platform to connect Open Source coders, users, and promoters, and promote FLOSS with the annual conference. The conference is free to attend because of the enthusiastic sponsors and donators. Since the conference venue is limited, tickets are often sold out immediately after the online registration starts.

It is a common fact that the coders of traditional commercial software rarely interact with users.

If any trouble on the software, calling the support service is the only way, and the technicians may help you. Hard as they tried, the problem still remains. If it is caused by a bug, the only solution is to wait until the new version releases. The only reason why you have chosen software A instead of B, is probably because of the sales' or your friends' recommendation. Under this behavior pattern, users and coders confront with sales and customers service, while what users encounter can't be passed directly, and the real question travels a long journey to get the right person.

The term "Open Source" appears in 1998, which is familiar to everyone. This kind of developing pattern working on the Internet over 20 to 30 years attributes to many reasons. The key factor may be the direct interaction with coders and users, which forms a rapid feedback and patch system on bugs. This pattern is enlarged by the Internet, where Linus's law "With enough eyeballs, all bugs are shallow" occurs, thereby the software's quality enhances. In Open Source pattern, promoters take the position between coders and users, rather than sales and customer service. They package software suites to get installation easier, write documents to lower its learning curve, hold events to spread good software, solve questions from the Internet without creating information asymmetry.

Coders, Users, and Promoters are three kinds of roles that makes Open Source Software sparkle. This conference is organized for them. You might be a coder from Software A, a promoter from Software B, and an user from Software C. No matter you have already stepped into the field of Open Source, or even standing on the gate wandering, we welcome you to attend the biggest annual Conference for Open Source Coders, Users, and Promoters in Taiwan!

COSCUP celebrates its 12th anniversary this year. Over the past decade, the event has co-operated with communities all over the world. With everyone's involvement, COSCUP grows up. This year, COSCUP will be held back to its first campus in 2006, National Taiwan University. And several communities will be the program partners to provide diversified topics and talks.

Whoever you are a Open Source coder, a devoted Open Source promoter, a user familiar with Open Source, or even a newcomer, we sincerely welcome you to be a part of COSCUP!

2. Local Organizers and Supporters

- COSCUP
 - <https://2018.coscup.org/#/home>
- ezgo
 - <https://wiki.debian.org/DebianEzGo>
 - <http://ezgo.westart.tw/ezgo13/about.php>
- Libreoffice Taiwan
 - <https://zh-tw.libreoffice.org/community/get-involved/>

3. Objectives

- To let more people to get to know GNOME and expand the influence.
- To attract more GNOME contributors, users and developers.
- To provide a platform for GNOME fans to communicate.
- To let local fans contact with international community.

4. Venue & date

Tentative dates:

Conference: Aug 11 - Aug 12 Tour : Aug 13

Venue:

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

<http://www-e.ntust.edu.tw/home.php>



The National Taiwan University of Science and Technology was founded on Aug 1, 1974, as the National Taiwan Institute of Technology (NTIT). It was the first higher education institution of its kind within our nation's technical and vocational education system. By extending this system to the highest level, this new school was intended to meet the need created by our rapid economic and industrial development for highly trained bachelor's degree-level engineers and managers. In 1979 and 1982, NTIT added master's and doctoral programs, respectively.



5. Target audiences

- Existing and potential GNOME contributors, users and developers
- University students
- Open source fans
- Citizens who have interests in IT technology

6. Activities and schedule

We will co-host with COSCUP this year, and we will plan 2 tracks with sessions.

Room number and seats list.

2. 國際大樓 (IB) 教室人數表：

IB-101	238
IB-201	112
IB-202	109
IB-301	112
IB-302	109
IB-409-1	50
IB-409-2	50
IB-410-1	50
IB-410-2	50
IB-303	65
IB-304	65
IB-305	65
IB-306	65
IB-401	180

Keynote will be IB-101

Day 1

	Track 1 Room (110 seats)	Track 2 Room (65 seats)
Morning	TBD	TBD
Afternoon	TBD	TBD

Day 2

	Track 1 Room (110 seats)	Track 2 Room (65 seats)
Morning	TBD	TBD

Afternoon	TBD	TBD

Day 3

Plan have one day tour in Taipei (optional)

7. Expectation and marketing

We expect to let around 800 participants to join the co-host conference. Advertising in the universities, IT related colleges, communities, and some secondary schools in Taipei.

Send invitations to the important participants by email or phone. Articles and website banners at all FOSS communities and distros in Taipei Words by face to face.

Social Networks e.g. Facebook, Google+, WeChat, Weibo, Twitter, BBS

8. Budget Estimation

We will share the expense with COSUP.

Expected Budget

● Share expense with COSCUP	USD\$ 1500
○ 2 Tracks venue	
○ Welcome banquet for speakers	
○ Community Booth	
○ T-shirts for speakers	
● Activities(BOF or tour)	USD\$ 500
● Miscellaneous(10%)	USD\$ 200
Total	USD\$ 2200

Minimum Budget

● Share expense with COSCUP	USD\$ 1500
○ 2 Tracks venue	
○ Welcome banquet for speakers	
○ Community Booth	
○ T-shirts for speakers	
● Miscellaneous(10%)	USD\$ 150

Total

USD\$ 1650

9. Potential sponsors

Potential Sponsors

- Microsoft
- SUSE
- Intel
- RedHat

10. Conclusion

Local people in Taipei have passion and capability to host this summit. We strongly believe that Taipei would be the best place to host 2018 GNOME.Asia Summit !

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for reading and consideration.