

Chairman's Statement at the
8th Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum
October 20th, 2009

The Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum was established in 2004. The aims were, and are, to gather knowledge among industry, government, academia, and communities to increase the adoption and promotion of OSS and then make Asian-wide and worldwide contributions. Therefore, we formed three working groups. WG1 is called "Technology Development & Assessment," WG2 is "Human Resources Development," and WG3 is "Study on Standardization & Certification." These working groups are driving our collaborative work. This became particularly clear through various actual cases on open innovation created by the three member countries of China, Japan, and Korea.

Our Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum this year is the eighth event within the past six years. To date, we have achieved a number of significant results to contribute to the adoption and promotion of OSS through collaborative work among the three countries.

And there are important new results for 2009.

WG1:

"The OpenDRIM Project" released "OpenDRIM 2008" in March 2009 and will release "OpenDRIM 2009" in December 2009. The CIM provider modules developed in OpenDRIM have been submitted to the Ubuntu community and adopted as official packages for Ubuntu's Karmic version in October 2009.

Also, "The Crackerjack Project" released Version 3.0 of its regression test functions in October 2009. In addition, a website has been launched to provide information about the regression between Linux kernel system calls. The site was linked to the "Autotest Project" site. Moreover, the Crackerjack Project provided the source code of 66 test functions for the "Linux Test Project" (LTP) this year. These results should be promoted to world wide through CJK activities.

WG1 agreed to start a “Cloud Computing Task Force” that researches the activities related to cloud computing technology in the three countries.

The activities of WG1 have been accepted as very meaningful contributions to the worldwide communities. In addition, WG1 decided on new activities that would enable it to make even stronger contributions to communities around the globe.

WG2:

WG2 held its “2nd Human Resources Development (HRD) Symposium” in Beijing in 2009. In addition, it published "Northeast Asia (NEA) HRD Model Curriculum (Draft 1.0)" in July 2009. WG2 continues to improve its curriculum and will release a new Model Curriculum (Draft 2.0) in 2009. WG2 held the 4th CJK OSS Award and the 2nd CJK OSS Special Contribution Award to promote OSS HRD in the 8th Forum in Tokyo.

WG2 agreed that CJK would extend the 9th Forum by one day to provide OSS training sessions, and discussed about its next steps. In addition, it agreed to form an “NEA OSS Wiki Project” in the education area to improve the Model Curriculum as a first step.

WG2 will continue to study a harmonized certificate system for CJK OSS experts based on OSS skill sets.

WG3:

WG3 published “Specifications for an IM Engine Service Provider Interface (WG3 WR00001),” “Report on Web Interoperability Discrepancies (WG3 TR00003),” and “Solutions for Web Interoperability Discrepancies (WG3 TR00004)” in 2008 as deliverables in the WG3’s first projects.

After publication of the above deliverables, WG3 closed out its SWG1 and SWG2 at its 12th meeting in Tokyo.

For the opening of the next projects, the Chairman’s Statement at the 7th Forum in Wuxi stated that WG3 would establish a “Future Work Task Force.”

In 2009, the Future Work Task Force was set up and held three meetings prior to this 8th Forum. The Task Force has discussed several candidate projects. But further discussion is necessary before making final decisions.

We very much appreciate the significant efforts to date of all the participants from industry, government, academia, and the communities in assisting with the

activities of the Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum. Also, we would like to thank the worldwide OSS communities for providing a foundation for our activities.

In today's information society, the OSS we have been promoting has become a basic and indispensable aspect of other technologies, such as for creating embedded devices and making IT infrastructure. Moreover, technological innovation is moving ahead by using the concepts of open standards and trend transition for both services and technologies. It can be said with certainty that OSS has established a solid position as a useful and profitable aspect of these advanced areas. We in the Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum should continue to develop such advanced areas by improving our current work activities.

The 9th Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum will be held in Korea in 2010. So we will continue to contribute to the IT developments of the three countries and others in the Asian region through these Forums.