

Chairman's Statement of the Fourth Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum

April 14th, 2006

In accordance with the understanding in the Memorandum signed by the IT Directors General of China, Japan and Korea at the meeting held in Beijing on April 3rd, 2004, and the achievements of the first meeting of the Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum held at that time, CJK representatives who promote Open Source Software (hereinafter referred to as "OSS") in each country confirmed the state of OSS promotion in their countries, built a consensus for future cooperation, and agreed to found and jointly administer Working Groups (WGs) at the 2nd meeting held in Sapporo on July 28th, 2004. At the 3rd meeting in Seoul on December 3rd, 2004, 3 WGs

WG1: Technology Development & Assessment

WG2: Human Resources Development

WG3: Study on Standardization and Certification

were established and started their activities.

At the 4th meeting held in Tianjin, on April 14th, 2006, CJK participants reviewed and endorsed the accomplishments achieved and future plans by each WG.

1. Participants in the Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum will make full use of this forum to communicate with each other, propose activities in the spirit of cooperation and attain mutual benefits.
2. We will carry out our activities in accordance with the summary conclusion of the 4th China-Japan-Korea IT Directors General Meeting for the promotion of Open Source Software held in Tianjin on April 13th, 2006.
3. We should support and strengthen cooperation of 3 WGs for the mutual benefits and make more contribution to OSS in CJK and the whole world. The summary of conclusions of three working groups is the following:

- WG1

- 1) Agreed to establish Desktop-sub-WG, Server-sub-WG and fixed the contact person of each sub-WG.
- 2) Agreed to continue to discuss about cooperative development in Server and Desktop area.
- 3) Agreed the next meeting to be held in August in Korea.

- WG2

- 1) Agreed to promote education of OSS and to develop human resources that will contribute to global communities.
- 2) Discuss cooperation issues on human resources such as mutual testing and certification of OSS expertise, development of curriculums and textbooks for OSS developers and users.
- 3) Agreed to create two Task Forces with a view to reaching above objectives.

- WG3

In view of the main joint attainments of the following:

- i) Establishment of the Directives to define discussion process of WG3,
- ii) Agreement upon CJK consolidated requirements for Specification of input-method engine interface,
- iii) Holding a joint CJK standard drafting workshop,
- iv) Study on domain specific solution maps upon embedded Linux,
- v) Study on interoperability of Web data,

Agreed to work on the following new action plans:

- i) Drafting specifications of input-method engine interface,
- ii) Studying on domain specific solution maps upon embedded Linux,
- iii) Studying on solutions for Web interoperability problems.

The 5th Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum will be held in Japan, and the date and venue will be decided by Japan, discussing with China and Korea.

In Tianjin, China,

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