

Q&A for FOSS4G-Asia 2020 bids

For Korea Team:

- 1) Is possible to invite a university as co-organizer to enhance the link between industry and academy groups?
 - ⇒ Yes. We have a plan to invite the KSGIS(Korea Society for Geospatial Information Sciences) as another co-organizer after being selected as a host city. KSGIS is an academic society, hence there are many professors, scholars, researchers from universities and research institutes. As we mentioned in our full proposal, KSGIS was a co-organizer of International FOSS4G 2015 Seoul conference. So, we believe KSGIS will surely join as a co-organizer of FOSS4G Asia 2020. Among LOC members, Prof. Ki-Joune Li is the emeritus president of KSGIS and Sanghee Shin is a board member of KSGIS. According to Prof. Ki-Joune Li at Pusan National University, Pusan National University can be another candidate for co-organizer in case KSGIS would not be able to serve as a co-organizer.

- 2) Any fee for a gala dinner will be collected from participants?
 - ⇒ No. Full registration fee will include T-Shirts, workshops, 3 days meal tickets, and gala dinner. If participants accompany another people like partner or members of family to the gala dinner, they need to buy additional gala dinner tickets. The price of additional gala dinner ticket per person will be around USD40~50.

- 3) The proposed dates of 19-22 August are much earlier than typical FOSS4G-Asia dates in December each year; would you consider December as a possibility as well?
 - ⇒ Theoretically to say YES. Actually, Seoul team considered 2 options for hosting dates. The first option is having the conference in December at a university and the second one is in August at the COEX with Smart Geo Expo. After discussion within LOC, Seoul team concluded that having the conference in August will be better than in December considering the numerous factors for the successful event. Pros and Cons of each month are as follows.

	<i>Pros</i>	<i>Cons</i>
<i>August</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can host the FOSS4G 2020 Asia with Smart Geo Expo. - Can reduce the room rental cost and share professional conference organizer. - Can expose open source GIS and FOSS4G Asia to Smart Geo Expo delegates from all around the world. - Attendees of FOSS4G Asia can experience Smart Geo Expo and various aspects of geospatial industry. - Can expect more active participation from Korea. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No computer rooms at the venue. - More expensive hotels near the venue. - FOSS4G Asia 2020 can be seen as a small part of Smart Geo Expo.
<i>December</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be small but FOSS4G focused conference. - Computer rooms are there at the venue. - Less expensive hotels around a University. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to run everything with LOC member's hands. - Need to rent rooms from a University. - December is quite busy season in Korea and everybody is being tied up with finalizing many things. So, we expect less participation from Korea. - Need to raise the registration fee for each participant.

4) Regarding 'bring your own laptop' for workshops, will you consider also renting machines for those that do not bring laptops, or is that impossible in this case?

⇒ Seoul team may have 2 options and it may depend on how many computers we need. If we need a few computers for workshops, we may collect unused computers from

companies, organizations and then we can use them. After the conference, we can donate them to the charity. This is the model that FOSS4G 2016 Bonn team did. However, if we should prepare for large quantity of computers for workshops, we have to rent them from professional computer rental service. In this case attendees who rent a computer should pay for that. We can collect the information if participants will be able to bring their laptop to the conference.

5) What are the possible locations to host the code sprint? How far will it be from the venue approximately?

⇒ We may have a code sprint at the [LX Spatial Information Education Academy\(SIEDU\)](#) that is located just 2 metro stations away from the Venue. SIEDU confirmed that FOSS4G Asia 2020 participants can use a lecture room for the code sprint at free of charge on that day. Another option is renting a seminar room from a meeting room rental service. Since many meeting room rental services are available around the venue, we can rent a code sprint room close to the venue without difficulties.



6) What kind of promotions are you thinking of to attract more early-bird registrations? Some events give a special t-shirt etc.

⇒ Honestly, we haven't thought about that in detail. However, we can learn many things from the last FOSS4G 2019 Bucharest team including special T-shirts and others. We are quite open to learn about this kind marketing ways to promote the FOSS4G Asia

2020. It means you can share your own ideas with us for promoting FOSS4G Asia altogether.

7) What is the average cost of traveling from the Incheon international airport, for each attendee?

⇒ The fare from the Incheon International Airport to the venue quite vary depending on what kind of transportation you take. We highly recommend to take airport limousine bus or railway.

- The fares of airport limousine bus range from USD12 to USD14
- The fares of railway(metro) range from USD4(standard) to USD8(express)
- The fares of taxi range from USD60(standard) to USD90(deluxe)