

**Chairman's Statement of
the 7th Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum**

October 31st, 2008

In accordance with the understanding in the memorandum signed by the IT Directors General of China, Japan and Korea (CJK) at the meeting held in Beijing on April 3rd, 2004, and the achievements of the 1st meeting of the NEAOSS Promotion Forum (the Forum) held at that time, the representatives who promote Open Source Software (OSS) in each country confirmed the state of OSS promotion in each of the three 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, the following 3 WGs were established and started their activities.

WG1: Technology Development & Assessment

WG2: Human Resources Development

WG3: Study on Standardization and Certification

At the 4th meeting in Tianjin on April 14th, 2006, the activities of

the WGs were segmented. Specific projects were launched at the 5th meeting held in Fukuoka on November 22nd, 2006. These projects were:

WG1: Technology Development & Assessment

- SSWG (server sub-WG)

Projects: OpenDRIM (Distributed Resources and Information Management), Crackerjack (The Linux Kernel Regression Test), DBT-1 (The Benchmark of Database Management System)

Task Force: SEEN (Security Entity Relation Based Access Control Model)

- DSWG (Desktop sub-WG)

Task Force: OSS Desktop Linux Promotion Road-map, Reference Platform Linux, Dedicated Linux Desktop

WG2: Human Resources Development (HRD)

Projects: Survey on current of OSS human resources development

WG3: Study on Standardization and Certification

- SWG1 (Input Method Engine Service Provider Interface)

- SWG2 (Web Interoperability)

At the 6th meeting in Seoul on September 12th, 2007, WG1 published OpenDRIM 2007 Suite. The Crackerjack project published the version 1.0 which included 133 system calls testing and contributed to the open source community. DBT standard testing process and results were published in April, 2007. Desktop sub-working group and Server sub-working group were combined in this meeting.

WG2 held "OSS HRD symposium". WG2 proposed that OSS Special Contribution Award shall be set up from the 7th Forum.

WG3 published the 2nd draft of IME-SPI and "Report of Web Interoperability Discrepancy" (WG3 TR00003).

As agreed in the 6th meeting, each CJK country shall take the role of coordinator for one of the three WGs – WG1, WG2 or WG3. Coordinators will be rotated at every Forum. In the 7th Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum, Korea takes the role of coordinator for WG1, China takes the role of coordinator for WG2, and Japan takes the role of coordinator for WG3.

At the 7th meeting in Wuxi on October 31st 2008, the Forum reviewed the achievements and endorsed the future plans of WGs.

1. The Forum recognized that cooperative ties and spirit among CJK have been strengthened steadily since the inception of the Forum and the valuable outcomes are realized.

2. The Forum will act in accordance with the summary of the 7th China-Japan-Korea IT Directors General Meeting for the promotion of Open Source Software held in Wuxi on October 30th, 2008. And on the basis of full consultation, CJK will cooperatively study and solve the key common problems in the OSS development.

3. The summary conclusions of the three WGs are as follows:

WG1:

The OpenDRIM Project will release OpenDRIM2008 Suite in December, 2008. The Project will continue to develop new features based on the open standards according to the market requirements and to integrate them into the OpenDRIM 2009 Suite which will be released by the next Forum in 2009.

The Crackerjack Project released, the version 2.0 of the regression test functions for 273 Linux Kernel system calls in April, 2008. This project will continue to develop and improve the quality of the regression test functions for about 300 system calls and Crackerjack version 3.0 will be released in 2009. Specially, this project will endeavor to make the strong collaboration with worldwide testing communities such as the LTP (Linux Test Project) and the Autotest project.

Security Project which is the development of OSS security modules for monitoring and handling secure OS released the results in March, 2008.

WG1 confirmed that the direction of WG1 activities should turn into the contribution to the worldwide communities additionally, as well as CJK cooperation.

WG2:

WG2 has delivered "NEA HRD Analysis Report (draft 1.0) " in December, 2007 and published the report version1.0 in October, 2008. WG2 will continue to improve the analysis effort, including OSS-related skill sets and skill levels.

WG2 has produced and agreed to publish "NEA HRD Model Curriculum (draft 1.0)" in 7th NEAOSS Forum to call for public comment. WG2 will continue to discuss the improvement of the curriculum and mutual CJK certificate scheme for OSS experts in CJK. WG2 will take a consensus-based approval process for its document publication under the name of the Forum or WG2.

WG2 exhibited several OSS textbooks in this Forum as the first step to encourage the publication of OSS textbooks.

WG2 agreed to continue to grant the CJK OSS Award and the CJK OSS Special Contribution Award in order to promote OSS HRD in technology, community and strategy.

WG3:

WG3 completed "Specification of Input Method Engine Service Provider Interface" (WG3 WR00001), and approved it. The specification is expected to be helpful to developers of a common Input Method framework for processing several languages including Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

WG3 published "Report of Web Interoperability Discrepancy"(WG3 TR00003) in 2007. WG3 also finalized "Solution of Web Interoperability Discrepancy" (WG3 TR00004).

WG3 will publish WG3 WR00001 and WG3 TR00004 in the NEAOSS Promotion Forum Web page to make the information available for worldwide communities.

WG3 will set up a Future Work Task Force on WG3 futures whose objectives include finding common interests of Northeast Asian countries, making suggestion on new projects, etc. The task force will provide a report as the output of WG3.

The Forum will continue to encourage and strengthen the activities of the three WGs.

The 7th Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum declares that China takes the role of coordinator of WG1, Japan takes the role of coordinator of WG2, and Korea takes the role of coordinator of WG3 for the 8th Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum.

Combining the spirit of the 7th CJK DG OSS Meeting, CJK will study and share information on cloud computing, mobile OSS technology, virtualization and green IT, continue to deeply develop interoperability, and play a role of platform of communication and cooperation among CJK.

The 8th Northeast Asia OSS Promotion Forum will be held in Tokyo, Japan, and the date will be decided by Japan following the discussions with China and Korea.

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