

GNOME.Asia 2009 Vietnam
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GNOME.Asia Summit 2009 will be held Nov. 20-22 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, reflecting the global importance of Free and Open Source Software - Call for Participants and Speakers open till Nov. 6

The summit is among the top Free and Open Source Software events in Asia and an exciting event gathering contributors from free and open source projects from around the world. More than 500 participants from 10 countries are expected to join the summit, which is the first international community event of its kind in Vietnam. Featuring the latest developments in GNOME and free and open source software projects, the theme is 'Get Freedom with GNOME'. This refers to the primary goals of the GNOME.Asia Summit: Spreading the knowledge of GNOME and free/open source software across Asia as well as building a vibrant, thriving community around it.

Speakers from desktop distributions like Debian, Ubuntu, Fedora and OpenSolaris, as well as developers of GTK+ based mobile projects such as Maemo or LXDE will offer insights to development practices. There are opportunities to present new projects. The call for papers is open until November 6.

Hong Phuc Dang, the head of the organization team, says: "We will have regular presentations, lightning talks and hands-on workshops, an installfest especially for women and a celebration for Vietnamese teachers day that includes an award for excellence in teaching Open Technologies. Additionally, we will organize a social event to celebrate the Free and Open Source spirit with the widely celebrated Rappers and songs about Free and Open Source Software."

Mario Behling, chair of the summit in Vietnam, says: "FOSS and cost-efficient open development models are becoming more and more interesting for both

local and global business. Companies use this event to engage with the community, and it is an excellent place to spot new talent."

Stormy Peters, president of the GNOME Foundation adds: "Free and Open Source Software is used in just about every commercial or non-commercial organization. Everyone is looking at FOSS to create new social and business opportunities. GNOME.Asia is the perfect place for dialogue and meetings around the question of applying our immense potential to practical solutions."

Chu Tien Dung, the head of QTSC: "It is our pleasure to have this summit at Quang Trung Software City. As the co-organizer of the GNOME.Asia Summit, we believe that this event will bring many opportunities to local enterprises, and development of FOSS in Vietnam. We are looking forward for the success ahead."

Please find more information about GNOME.Asia 2009 here:

<http://gnome.asia>

About the Organizers



GNOME™

The **GNOME Foundation** is an organization committed to supporting the advancement of GNOME, comprised of hundreds of volunteer developers and industry-leading companies. The GNOME desktop is a free, easy to use, accessible and internationalized desktop for Linux and Unix-based operating systems used by millions. GNOME is a standard part of all leading GNU/Linux and Unix distributions, and is popular with both large existing corporate deployments and small business and home users. GNOME Foundation sponsoring members include Access, Canonical, Debian, the Free Software Foundation, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Igalia, Imendio, Intel, Mozilla, Nokia, Novell, OLPC, Opened Hand, Red Hat, and Sun Microsystems, with legal pro bono work provided by Software Freedom Law Center and Wilson Sonsini Goodrich Rosati. <http://gnome.org>



Quang Trung Software City was founded in 2001, as one of the key projects for future development of Ho Chi Minh City. With 430,000 sqm it is the biggest software park in Vietnam. QTSC offers a highly reliable infrastructure for high tech companies in the software development sector.

Services offered include an exhibition centre, accommodation, and entertainment. 20,000 people will live in the quarter by 2010. QTSC has got a strong support from both the local and the state government, and is able to

offer unique benefits to enterprises relocating itself in the quarter. The QTSC management sees it as its core responsibility to support IT companies and investors to do business in HCMC and Vietnam.
<http://www.quangtrungsoft.com.vn>

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LXDE is a fast, performant and energy-saving interface backend for mobile devices and computers with low hardware specifications. It uses GTK+ and comes with a beautiful interface, multi-language support, standard keyboard short cuts and additional features like tabbed file browsing. LXDE uses less CPU and less RAM. It provides a fast desktop experience; connecting easily with applications in the cloud. The LXDE Foundation supports the growth of the international community developing and maintaining LXDE.
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