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To: FOSS4G 2012 selection committee

Department of Information Technology - Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam presents its compliments to FOSS4G 2012 selection committee:

Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Vietnam (CIREN), is pleased to submit to hold FOSS4G in Hanoi in 2012. Hanoi, known as “the city of peace”, the capital city of Vietnam, besides being the political center of Vietnam, is a beautiful and friendly city that represents the long lasting traditional culture and numerous historical relics of the country. It has just celebrated the 1000th Anniversary last year.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment shall be the Government body exercising the function of State administration in the fields of land resources, water resources, mineral resources, geology, environment, hydrometeorology, survey and mapping, integrated and unified management of marine and islands, and State administration of public services in sectors administered by the Ministry.

Department of Information Technology is an Institution under the management of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) that has function to assist the Minister in management of the application and development of information technology in the fields of state administration of the ministry; arranges the performance of providing services related to the application and development of information technology in the fields of the state administration mandated to the ministry according to the legal provisions.

Hosting this significant event is a close cooperation between CIREN and OSGeo Vietnam. The local committee is not limited to people from these two organizations – we have invited national activists in Geomatics, Open Source communities and government decision makers. We are proud to say that the government of Vietnam has consistently encouraged and supported Open Source implementations and investments in many aspects.

Venue Information

Based on the local committee’s experience, we have selected two candidates for FOSS4G 2012 venue – the National Convention Center and the Meliã Hanoi.

- The National Convention Centre (NCC), a unique state-of-the-art complex, is situated on an area of 6,900,000 sq ft to the South West of the capital Ha Noi, an ideal venue for political, economic, cultural and social events for both international and local

organizations and agencies with a main meeting hall providing 3200 seats and around other 30 meeting rooms.

- Melia Hanoi, a venue for conventions of any scales, whether for international meetings, receptions or social gatherings with 2 ballrooms catering for up to 1200 people, 9 function rooms for small and medium meetings.

It is about 45 minutes from Noi Bai International Airport to reach either venue. Regarding accomodations, there are more than 9000 hotel rooms within 1 hour to the venues. The price varies from base level at less than US\$20 to high level at average of US\$160 [1].

The committee also has the support of many local organizations, including commercial geospatial companies and universities throughout the country. These local organizations have long been supporters for the development of geospatial research and applications in Vietnam.

Besides, there are some universities, companies, institutes in Vietnam can join and support this event.

- Hanoi University of Science and Technology.
- Hanoi National University
- Hanoi University of Mining and Geology
- FOSSASIA, IBM, ESRI Vietnam

Local Organizing Committee

We are confident to have an outstanding local organizing committee with a broad range of experience in geospatial, open source and event handling:

- Dr.Nguyen Minh Hong, Vice Minister, Ministry of Information and Communication (MIC).
- Dr. Nguyen Linh Ngoc, Vice Minister, Ministry of Natrarl Resources and Environment (MONRE).
- Mr.Nguyen Huu Chinh, General Director of CIREN (MONRE).
- Mr Hoang Lam Son, Deputy Director of CIREN (MONRE)
- Mr.Nguyen Thanh Phuc, Chief of Directorate of IT application promotion (MIC)
- Dr.Ho Dinh Duan, Local Viet Nam OSGeo Chapter.
- Dr.Truong Xuan Luan, Hanoi University of Mining and Geology (Local VN OSGeo Chapter).
- Prof.Dang Hung Vo,Chairman of Geomatics and Cartography Association of Viet Nam.
- Mr.Vu Hoang Anh, Chairman of Geomatics and Cartography Association of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Mr.Nguyen Hoa Binh, Director of PeaceSoft Ltd (Local VN OSGeo Chapter).

We intended to collaborate with FutureGov and/or GIS Development as partners for Conference organizing. Their responsibilities will be limited to the matters supporting conference organizing and not involved with decisions which are left for FOSS4G and the Local Committee.

FutureGov is the largest regional community of government, security, education and healthcare officials in Asia Pacific. After more than six years our multi-platform community is now over 23,000 strong – and still growing. FutureGov magazine is Asia's only publication covering strategic issues as well as the use of information technology to improve efficiency, transparency and accountability.

FutureGov's mission is to contribute to the development of better governance in the region by providing a unique forum for officials, NGOs and ICT stakeholders to share their experience of IT-enabled reform. Because of its longstanding commitment to working with public policymakers and industry, when it comes to government, security, education and healthcare markets, nobody knows the region quite like FutureGov does.

GIS Development is a premier media organisation working to promote and propagate the usage of geospatial technologies in various areas of development for the community at large. GIS Development has been associated with this industry for more than 13 years now, to achieve the following objectives for geospatial industry, included:

- Promotion and Awareness about Geospatial Industry;
- Advocacy and Lobbying for Geospatial Industry; and
- Business Development and Facilitation of Growth of Geospatial Industry

With this aim in mind GIS Development has been facilitating and promoting the use of Geospatial Technologies in India, Asia Pacific, Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Geospatial Technologies are now being used as an essential tool for decision makers. With the fast changing facets of this industry, GIS Development has been evolving its activities to better serve the needs of this community by providing a strong media platform to popularise, spread awareness, advocate and develop business. GIS Development aims to achieve this through its following media line:

- Publications
- Conferences

We strongly believe that Hanoi will successfully hold the FOSS4G 2012 and all the participants will be satisfactory with a fruitful and enjoyable trip to Vietnam next year.

Sincere thanks and hope to hear soon (via e-mail: chinhnh@tnmt.vn).

GENERAL DIRECTOR

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