Detailed Proposal

FOSS4G-Asia 2018

Dates

We are planning host FOSS4G-Asia 2018 in December. The main conference will be held on 8th and 9th and a one-day field tour to Sigiriya, one of the most historical monuments of Sri Lanka, (https://sigiriyatourism.com/) will be organized on 10th December. Even though we proposed to have these days above, we are flexible to accommodate FOSS4G community needs.
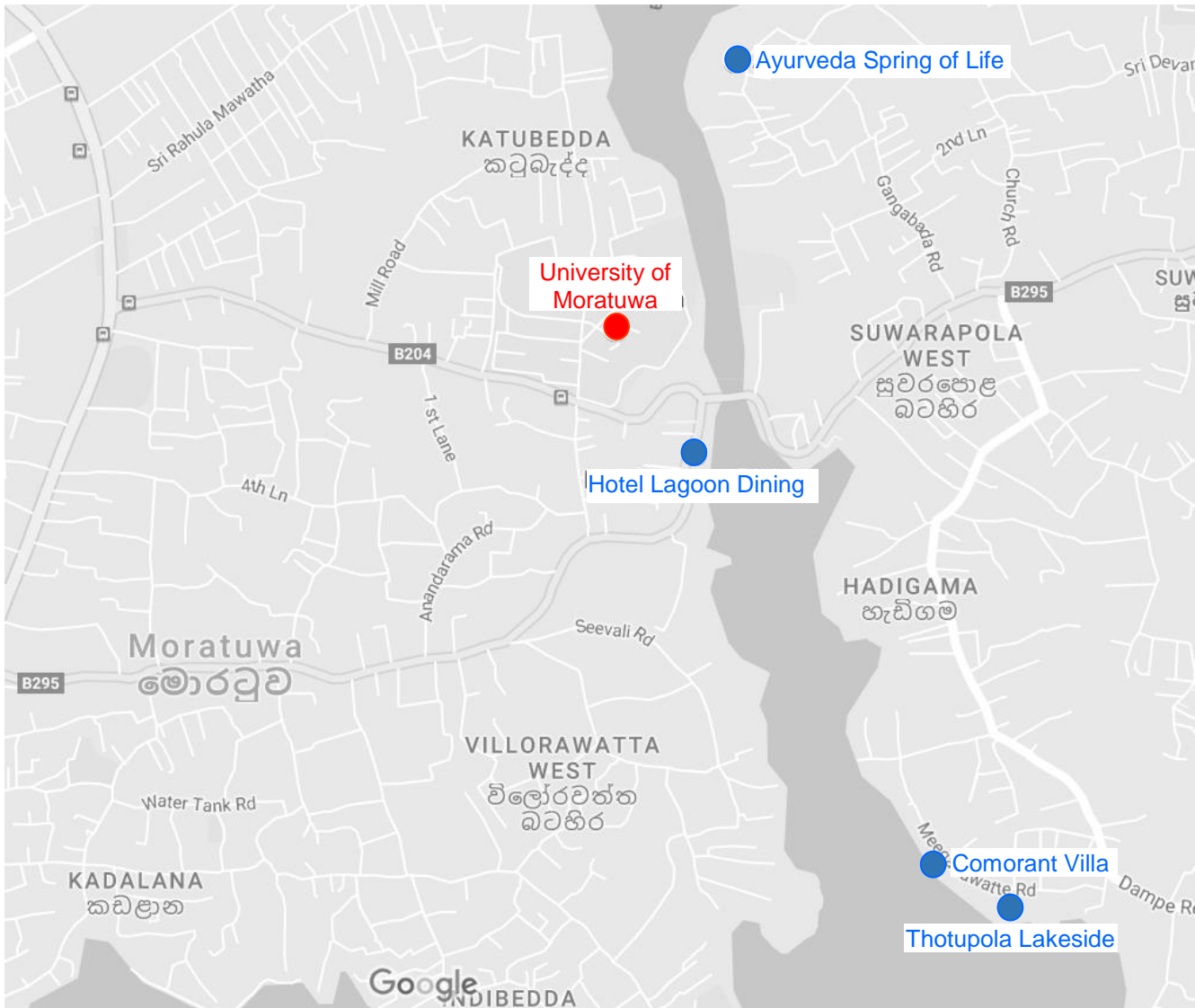
Venue

The proposed venue for FOSS4G-Asia 2018 is University of Moratuwa. The University of Moratuwa is the only technological University in Sri Lanka and ranked as the most sorts after University in Engineering. The University of Moratuwa is located 10 minutes away from the Moratuwa city and one hour away from the capital city of Sri Lanka, Colombo. The University of Moratuwa is one of the pioneering institutes in geo-spatial sciences in Sri Lanka. We have been actively involved in and part of FOSS4G community since 2014 (http://osgeolab.sliit.lk). We have established a FOSS4G lab at the Department of Town and Country Planning, University of Moratuwa. There is a growing interest among researchers, academics, University students, state national urban planning authorities and non- governmental organization to use open source GIS technology. Further, FOSS GIS tools are being used to analyse and solve real issues in Sri Lanka (flooding, draughts, landslides, etc.). In this backdrop, FOSS4G is a timely event to popularize and consolidate FOSS4G technology and provide opportunity for local researchers and practitioners to share and be exposed to international researches' experiences on this field.

Address:
University of Moratuwa, Bandaranayake Mawatha, Katubedda, Moratuwa 10400

The Map 1 shows the nearby hotels, approximately within 3.4km distance from University of Moratuwa.

Ayurveda Spring of Life
Address: No 57A, Gangaboda Road, Wewala, Piliyandala
Approximate Price: USD 112
Link: http://www.ayurveda-springoflife.com/

Hotel Lagoon Dining
Address: No 556/E/1, De Soyza road, Molpe, Moratuwa
Approximate Price: USD 26
Link: http://www.hotellagoondining.com/

Comorant Villa
Address: No 56A, Meegahawatta Road, Deltera, Piliyandala
Approximate Price: USD 169
Link: http://cormorantvilla.com/

Thotupola Lakeside
Address: No 70, Deltara, Piliyandala
Approximate Price: USD 107
Link: http://www.thotupolalakeside.lk/

In addition, the following hotels are located within 10km distance from University of Moratuwa.

Concord Grand Hotel
Address: 139-141, Galle Road, Dehiwala
Approximate Price: USD 44
Link: www.hotelconcordgrand.com/

The Penthouse Above Sea
Address: Marine City 46, Station Road, Dehiwala
Approximate Price: USD 64
Link: http://thepenthouseabovesea.com/

The Villa In Lavinia
Address: 3, 26 Sri Dharmapala Mawatha, Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia
Approximate Price: USD 68
Link: http://thevillainlavinia.com/

Mount Breeze Hotel
Address: No: 22/5A, Off De Seram Road, Mount Lavinia
Approximate Price: USD 47
Link: www.mountbreeze.lk/

Berjaya Hotel
Address: College Ave, Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia
Approximate Price: USD 63
Link: https://www.berjayahotel.com/colombo

Rivi Ras Hotel
Address: De Saram Road, Mount Lavinia
Approximate Price: USD 35
Link: www.rivi-ras-hotel-mount-lavinia-sri-lanka.en.ww.lk

Ranveli Beach Resort
Address: 56/9, De Seram Road, Mount Lavinia
Approximate Price: USD 27
Link: www.ranvelibeachmountlavinia.com/

Mount Lavinia Hotel
Address: Hotel Road, Mount Lavinia
Approximate Price: USD 132
Link: https://www.mountlaviniahotel.com/

Infrastructure Availability

The University has several auditoriums with seating capacities of 400, 300, 200, 100 and 50. The University also has a library, gym, several cafeteria and a playground.

In addition, the following facilities are available at the Department of Town & Country Planning:
- 01 Auditorium with 250 seating capacity
- 01 Mini Auditorium with 60 seating capacity
- 04 Studios which can be used as conference rooms
- 02 SIS/RS computer laboratories with each having 70 – 60 seating capacity
- Video conference facility

Main organizers and supporting organizations

Main Organizer:
Department of Town & Country Planning, Faculty of Architecture, University of Moratuwa

Supporting Organizations:
OSGeo Lab of Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT)
Faculty of IT, University of Moratuwa
Urban Development Authority (UDA)
National Physical Planning Department (NPPD)
National Building Research Organization (NBRO)
International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI)

Potential sponsors

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Transportation and access to venue

The University of Moratuwa is located 51km from Katunayake International Airport. Buses, Trains and Taxis are the different modes of transportation to reach the venue. The fastest route is to travel via the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway which takes nearly 1 and ½ hours to reach the University.

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