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1. INTRODUCTION & VISION FOR OSGEO FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima

Bridging Technology and Humanity: Vision of FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025

As we embark on the journey to bring the Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) conference to Hiroshima in 2025, we are guided by a vision that extends beyond the realm of technology. We see this event as a unique opportunity to showcase the transformative potential of open source geospatial solutions while also highlighting the values of peace, resilience, and international cooperation that define the host city.
Hiroshima, a city that has risen from the ashes of devastation to become a beacon of hope and renewal, serves as an ideal backdrop for FOSS4G 2025. The conference will take place during a significant milestone - the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing that forever changed the course of history. This context lends a profound sense of purpose to our gathering, reminding us of the importance of building bridges, fostering understanding, and working together to address global challenges.

Our Vision

Our vision for FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 rests on four pillars:

Technological Innovation for Peace

We aim to showcase how open source geospatial technologies can be harnessed as tools for peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and disaster resilience. By highlighting real-world applications and case studies, we will demonstrate the power of these technologies to create positive change in communities affected by conflict and crisis.

Inclusivity and Diversity

We are committed to creating an inclusive environment that celebrates diversity. We will actively engage participants from all backgrounds, including refugees and other diverse populations, empowering underrepresented groups and ensuring accessibility. By fostering openness and respect, we aim to build a stronger community.

Capacity Building and Education

Based on "Geo for All" principles, we recognize the importance of building local capacity and empowering geospatial innovators. Through workshops, training, and mentorship, we will provide a platform for knowledge exchange and skills development, focusing on students, early-career professionals, and participants from developing countries.

Collaboration and Partnership

Based on the FOSS4G Asia 2023 Seoul Declaration, we believe the greatest impact is achieved through collaboration. We will engage stakeholders, including government, academia, community organizations, and pursue UN partnerships to apply open source geospatial technologies to regional challenges. We will connect with the global FOSS4G community, promoting knowledge-sharing.

a. How will your conference succeed financially (making a profit)?

FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 plans to utilize the resources gathered from past FOSS4G events to drive technological advancements, while leveraging Hiroshima's unique traits to offer opportunities for utilizing geospatial technologies for peacebuilding and refugee support.

To ensure transparent and professional financial management, we will enlist the expertise of a Professional Conference Organizer (PCO) experienced in international event management. The PCO will negotiate favorable contract terms with efficient vendors and service providers, maintaining high quality. We will receive a 3 million yen subsidy from the Hiroshima Convention & Visitors Bureau (HCVB), secure support from Eukarya as a Diamond Sponsor, and apply for public funds from the Japan Tourism Agency.

Beyond traditional technology sponsorships, we will actively pursue partnerships with global and local businesses that contribute to humanitarian and technological progress, aligning with the conference's theme of using open source technologies for humanitarian causes. The event will showcase the use of open source geospatial technologies in addressing humanitarian issues like refugee management and disaster response through dedicated tracks or sessions focusing on humanitarian technology, attracting experts, practitioners, and policymakers in the field.

FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 upholds ethical business standards to safeguard OSGeo's assets and promote social responsibility, emphasizing the conference's support for refugee inclusion and the use of open source technologies for humanitarian purposes. By attracting new sponsors through this commitment, we aim to generate financial gains for the event.

1. **Professional Financial Management**
   Engage a reputable PCO and implement rigorous financial management. Build trust through transparent reporting.

2. **Strategic Partnership Development**
   Actively seek partnerships with businesses related to humanitarian aid and technological innovation. Develop special sponsorship packages.

3. **Cost Optimization and Procurement**
   Utilize PCO expertise to ensure cost-effective arrangements. Reduce direct costs through collaborations with technology providers.

4. **Inclusive Pricing Streams**
   Implement a pricing strategy that includes discounts for students, participants from developing countries, and refugees.

5. **Socially Responsible Practices**
   Commit to ethical business practices and promote social responsibility. Emphasize the conference's role in refugee inclusion and open-source solutions.

6. **Hybrid Event Options**
   Plan for potential disruptions by preparing for hybrid or fully virtual conference formats. Improve accessibility for international participants.

b. How will your conference succeed socially (giving people the unstructured space and time to meet and engage with one another)?

Get ready for FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 - where we mix tech talk with a splash of culture! Imagine kicking off with a fun Ice Breaker, setting the stage for mingling magic. The Gala Dinner ups the ante with a taste of local flair, Hiroshima-style. Dive into Japanese traditions, savor scrumptious dishes, and swirl some sake for good measure. And hey, ever heard of a "Pub Race"? We might just spice things up by exploring local eateries in style!

But wait, there's more! Prepare for guided tours of Hiroshima's historic gems, led by passionate locals. Plus, we'll whisk you off to must-see spots like Miyajima and Hiroshima Castle for a full cultural plunge. Students, kids, and even seasoned pros can dive into hackathons, workshops, and lightning talks. Oh, and let's not forget our chat with Professor Watanave, a local archiving guru, unveiling Hiroshima's rich tapestry.

We're all about inclusivity, welcoming a diverse crew to the party - students, global pals, and refugees alike. With all voices on deck, FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 promises a vibrant mix of insights and conversations. Let's make tech and tradition shake hands in style!

Social Events

We will host an informal welcome event for participants to mingle and a Gala Dinner featuring a traditional Japanese dance performance for networking and cultural showcase.

Community Outreach and Engagement

The conference in Hiroshima will involve local communities in social projects using FOSS4G technologies, with workshops for students and children and public lectures to raise awareness about FOSS4G.

Peace Education and Local History Programs

The conference at Hiroshima International Conference Center includes guided tours of Peace Memorial Park and Museum, interactions with local archivists using FOSS4G, and possible excursions to cultural sites like Miyajima and Hiroshima Castle. Attendees can learn about Hiroshima's history and engage with geospatial technologies to address social issues.

Experiencing Local Culture and Cuisine

Participants at the Gala Dinner will enjoy Hiroshima delicacies like okonomiyaki and Japanese sake. Information on Hiroshima's food culture will be shared, complemented by a presentation at the dinner. Volunteers from the Hiroshima Convention and Visitors Bureau will assist participants in exploring the local cuisine and attractions.

Kagura is a type of Shinto ritual ceremonial dance.

c. How will your conference provide open source education (providing good raining opportunities to new users)?

FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 is committed to providing open-source education and training opportunities to new users and participants from diverse backgrounds, with a strong emphasis on accessibility and inclusiveness.

Specifically, we are expanding and strengthening our scholarship programs to support participants from low-income countries and students, helping to ensure that financial constraints do not prevent individuals from accessing the educational opportunities provided by the conference. For those who cannot physically attend the venue, we will provide opportunities for remote participation, allowing participants to experience the conference content and engage with the community, regardless of their location or circumstances.

Workshops and exhibitions will serve as additional training opportunities for new users, complementing the conference sessions and providing practical skills and knowledge to participants. Furthermore, aligned with the “Geo for All” mission, we will provide free access to conference content and resources through the Geo for All Learning Initiative. We will create a repository of recorded sessions and educational materials, ensuring long-term access to these valuable resources.

d. How will your conference promote open source geospatial software (bringing new organizations into the open source community)?

FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 will catalyze promoting open source geospatial software and attracting new organizations to the open source community. Despite the significant number of FOSS4G tool users and the support of many domestic companies for OSGeo.JP, there is a notable gap in collaboration among FOSS4G tool developers within Japan. By hosting FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025, we aim to foster enhanced interaction between developers, strengthening their network and bridging the gap between users and developers. This initiative will facilitate a deeper understanding and more effective use of FOSS4G tools in various projects, aligning with our goal to transform the conference into a platform that emphasizes practical collaboration and innovation in the geospatial community.

To promote open source geospatial software to new organizations, we will collaborate with local communities and present case studies during the conference. These case studies will demonstrate the practical applications and benefits of open source geospatial solutions, helping new organizations understand the value and versatility of open source technologies in solving real-world problems. By showcasing the success stories and the positive impact of open source geospatial software, we will encourage more organizations to adopt these tools and actively participate in the open source community.

e. How will your conference promote inclusivity (welcoming a diverse community, students and those from lower income countries)?

FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 is deeply committed to promoting inclusivity and welcoming diverse participants, including students and those from lower-income countries. We will establish a robust scholarship program to support the attendance of students, early-career professionals, and participants from lower-income countries, covering conference registration fees, travel expenses, and accommodation costs. Additionally, we will implement a tiered pricing strategy that includes discounts for students, participants from developing countries, and refugees while developing diverse revenue streams through workshops, exhibitions, and virtual participation options.

Recognizing that many individuals face significant barriers to attending international conferences due to financial hardship, political instability, or displacement, we are establishing a dedicated support under the "Hardship Fund". This fund, which is a collaborative effort with humanitarian organizations, NGOs, and refugee support networks, will provide financial assistance to cover participation and travel costs for attendees who are experiencing challenging conditions, including refugees.

Furthermore, Eukarya Inc. has signed a memorandum of understanding with the UNHCR Representation in Japan and the UNITAR Hiroshima Office to secure their support for FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025. This collaboration aims to ensure an inclusive conference experience by leveraging the expertise and resources of these organizations. Eukarya Inc. is committed to working closely with these partners to develop and implement strategies that promote diversity, accessibility, and equal opportunities for all participants, regardless of their background or circumstances.

Our conference program is a reflection of the vibrant and diverse FOSS4G community, showcasing speakers and presenters from a wide range of backgrounds, regions, and expertise levels. We will offer a mix of session formats, including workshops, interactive sessions, and lightning talks, to accommodate different learning styles and preferences, ensuring that every participant feels engaged and inspired.

To foster a sense of belonging and encourage participants to connect with one another, we will organize social events and networking opportunities that are inclusive and welcoming to all attendees. We will attempt to create a buddy system or mentorship program that pairs first-time attendees with experienced community members, providing a supportive network for newcomers to navigate the conference and build relationships.

Partnership with

UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency | unitar United Nations Institute for Training and Research

2. The hosting location.

a. What city will the conference be in, what is interesting about it?

A beacon of peace and resilience, Hiroshima is the ideal host for FOSS4G 2025. As we mark the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing, Hiroshima's message of peace and global disarmament resonates more than ever. The city's selection as the host for the G7 Summit 2023 further underscores its status as an international hub for dialogue and understanding.

The presence of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) office in Hiroshima promotes capacity building and sustainable development. Partnering with UNITAR and other UN agencies, FOSS4G 2025 will highlight the role of open source geospatial technologies in supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and fostering international cooperation.

Hiroshima's commitment to peace, sustainability, and inclusivity aligns perfectly with the values and mission of the FOSS4G community. The conference aims to create an environment that fosters open dialogue, collaboration, and innovation while promoting diversity, equity, and accessibility.

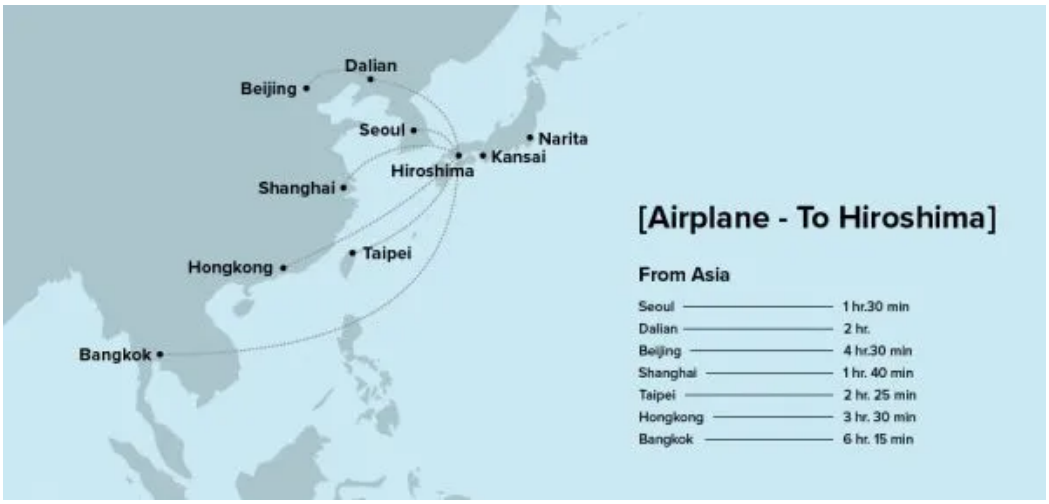
The surrounding areas offer natural beauty and adventure, with the UNESCO World Heritage site Itsukushima Shrine on the island of Miyajima being a stunning testament to Japan's rich cultural heritage. Hiroshima is well-connected to major cities in Japan and worldwide, with an efficient public transportation system making it easy for attendees to navigate the city.

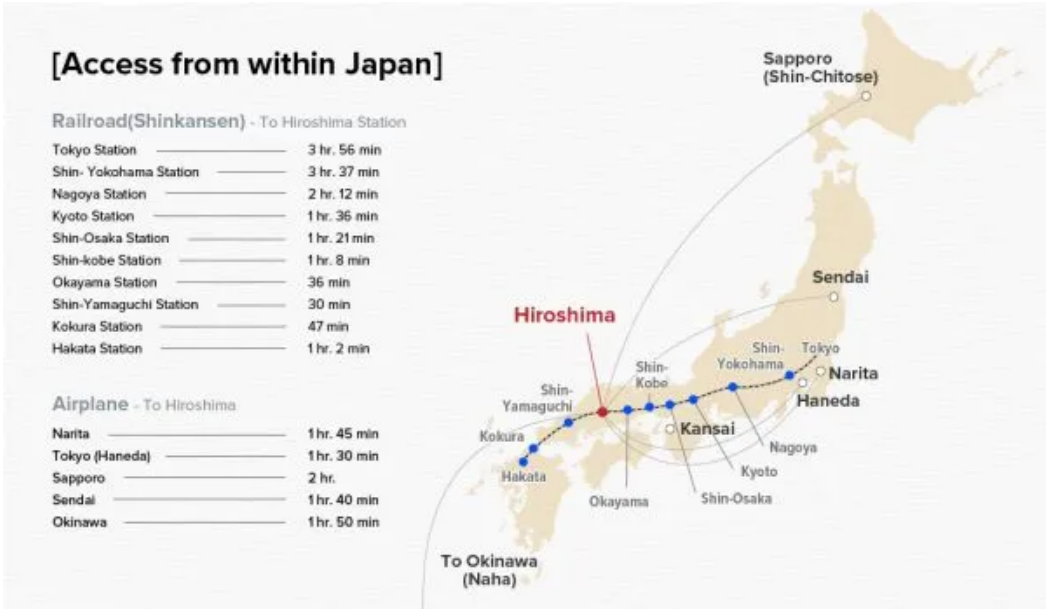
For more information on Hiroshima's attractions, please watch the YouTube video: Japan Virtual Visit | Hiroshima | JNTO (youtube.com).

Hiroshima Tourism Association

Access

Access to Hiroshima: Four international airports, Narita (Chiba), Haneda (Tokyo), Fukuoka (Kyushu), and Kansai (Osaka), serve as gateways to Hiroshima. From each international airport, you can transfer by domestic flights to Hiroshima Airport or take bullet trains (Shinkansen) to Hiroshima Railway Station. The meeting venue is easy to get to from the airport and the railway station.





The table below shows approximate flight times to Haneda/Narita. Frequent flights from Narita or Haneda to Hiroshima are available (a minimum a 1.5h is needed to transfer from international to domestic flight)

Area	Destination	Flight Time
Norh America	Los Angeles	10h
	San Francisco	9h ~ 9.5h
	Seattle	9h ~ 9.5h
	San Jose	9h
	Washington D.C.	12h ~ 13h
	New York JFK	13h
	Chicago	11h ~ 11.5h
	Houston	11.5h ~ 12h
	Vancouver	9h
Hawaii	Honolulu	7h ~ 8.5h
Europe	London	12h
	Paris	12h
	Frankfurt	12h
	Rome	13h
	Zürich	12.5h ~ 13h
	Wien	12h
	Moscow	10h
Oceania	Sydney	7.5h ~ 9.5h
Asia	Bangkok	6h ~ 6.5h
	Hanoi	6.5h
	Delhi	6.6h
	Mumbai	7.5h
	Ho Chi Minh	6.5h
	Yangon	8.5h
	Kuala Lumpur	7.5h
	Singapore	7h ~ 7.5h
	Jakarta	5.5h
	Manila	5h
	Taipei	3.5h
	Seoul	2.5h
China	Beijing	3.5h
	Shanghai	4h
	Guangzhou	4.5h
	Hong Kong	4.5h ~ 5h

b. Are there any legal or cultural restrictions to attending the conference? (VISA, unsafe environment, religious restrictions, can a woman travel alone, cultural specifics, LGBTQi+ laws,...)

Japan is a safe and welcoming country for international visitors, with few legal or cultural restrictions that would impact conference attendees. However, it is essential to consider the following aspects:

i. VISA Requirements

Japan has visa exemption agreements with many countries, allowing citizens of those nations to enter without a visa for short stays, typically up to 90 days. However, attendees from countries without such agreements must obtain a visa before traveling to Japan. The Hiroshima LOC will work closely with NPOs, government agencies, and UN partners to provide comprehensive support for participants obtaining visas, ensuring a smooth and inclusive process for all attendees.

ii. Safety and Security

Japan is widely recognized as one of the safest countries in the world, consistently ranking among the top nations on the Global Peace Index. Crime rates are low, and visitors can feel secure traveling throughout the country, including in Hiroshima. Women can safely travel alone in Japan without facing significant risks or dangers. However, as in any destination, it is advisable to take basic safety precautions and remain aware of one's surroundings. Japan is prone to natural disasters, such as earthquakes and typhoons. The Hiroshima LOC will provide comprehensive information on safety measures and emergency procedures at the venue and for travelers to ensure the well-being of all attendees.

iii. Religious Restrictions

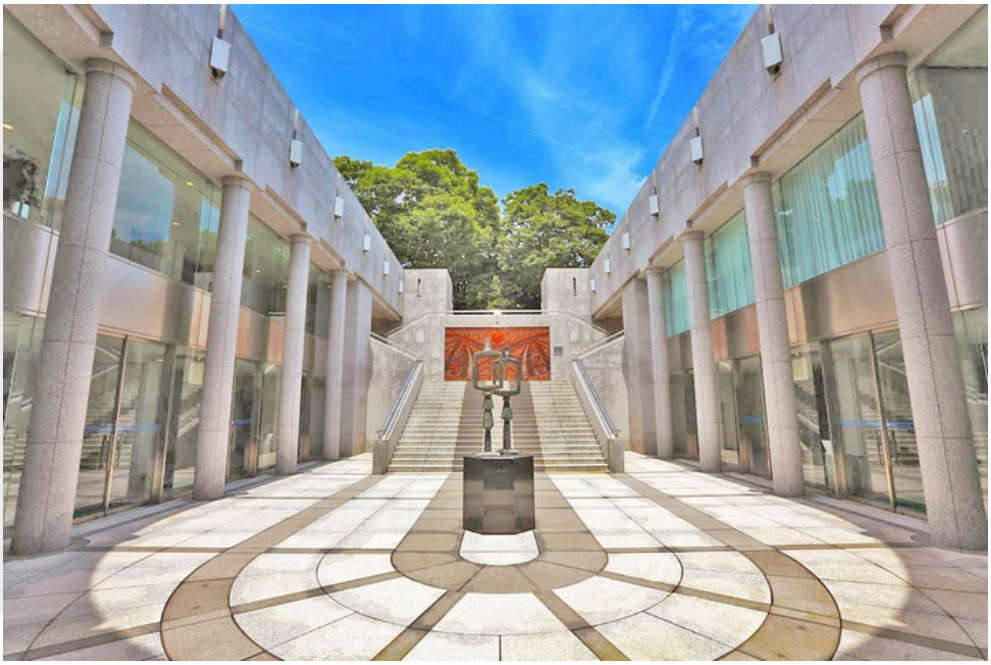
Japan is a country with religious freedom, and there are no significant religious restrictions that would impact conference attendees. Visitors can practice their faith and find places of worship for various religions in Hiroshima and throughout the country.

iv. LGBTQI+ Laws and Acceptance

While same-gender marriage is not yet legally recognized in Japan, there are no legal penalties for same-gender relationships. Same-gender partners and transgender individuals can travel safely to and within Japan. Hiroshima, the proposed venue city, is among the municipalities that issue partnership certificates, providing treatment similar to marriage for same-gender couples. Introducing partnership certificates in Hiroshima demonstrates the city's commitment to inclusivity and acceptance of diverse relationships. Japan has recently enacted laws to promote understanding of LGBTQI+ issues, contributing to growing awareness and acceptance of individuals regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation.

c. What venue will the conference be in, what are the number of rooms available, seating, and associated pricing?

The conference will take place at the International Conference Center Hiroshima (ICCH), conveniently located in the heart of Hiroshima City, within walking distance from major hotels, shopping areas, and tourist attractions like the Atomic Bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Park. The venue offers excellent accessibility, just 50 minutes from Hiroshima Airport by limousine bus and a 6-minute walk from the nearest streetcar stop connecting to Hiroshima Station.



International Conference Center Hiroshima

The ICCH boasts a variety of rooms and halls suitable for FOSS4G 2025:

- The Phenix Hall, with a capacity of 1,504 seats, will serve as the main plenary hall for keynotes and large sessions.
- The Himawari Hall, with 462 seats, is ideal for presentation tracks.
- Smaller rooms like The Dahlia 1 & 2 (144 seats each), The Cosmos 1 & 2 (75 seats each), and Ran 1 & 2 (60 seats each) can accommodate workshops and medium-sized sessions.
- The Conference Management Room, capable of accommodating 300 seats, can be flexibly divided into six separate sections, allowing for versatile configuration options. We will prepare three rooms for workshops and talk sessions.
- The Robby in front of the Conference Management Room (300 ㎡) is utilized for Sponsor Exhibition.
- The Sakura Hall (217 ㎡) will be used for poster presentations and interactive demonstrations.

All meeting rooms are fiber-optically linked, allowing for streaming capabilities to remote participants, and can accommodate hybrid setups. The Phenix and Himawari halls are well-equipped with simultaneous interpretation facilities for six languages and have hosted numerous international conferences annually.

The ICCH has an impressive track record of hosting global events, including the G7 Hiroshima Summit in May 2023, where it hosted bilateral summits and press conferences.
Leveraging its location within the Peace Memorial Park, the venue also serves as an educational facility for over 100 annual school study tours on peace education.

The total rental cost is per the Meeting Room Rental budget line item, covering tables, chairs, and audiovisual equipment. A discount may potentially be negotiated. With its world-class facilities, proven by hosting prestigious global summits, central location, reasonable pricing, and proximity to peace memorials, the International Conference Center Hiroshima is an excellent venue for FOSS4G 2025.

“Phoenix Hall”

Exhibition Hall “Sakura”

ROOM		Capacity			Size	Equipment
		Theater	School	Buffet		
Phoenix Hall		1,504	-	-	Fixed seats	A stage platform is available. Simultaneous interpretation equipment
Himawari		600	264	450	600 m^2	
Dahlia		720	360	450	650 m^2	divisible into 2 rooms
Cosmos		360	180	200	350 m^2	divisible into 2 rooms
Ran		280	120	140	260 m^2	divisible into 2 rooms
Office		560	300	-	520 m^2	divisible into 6 rooms

room capacity

d. Available workshop facilities, number of rooms, computers per room, pricing, strategy for providing workshop facilities.

The workshops will be held across multiple rooms ranging from 180 seats down to 36 seats at the ICCH, the same venue as the main conference. These rooms were chosen, prioritizing ample space for COVID-19 precautions and robust communication infrastructure, though changes can be made if required based on demands.

All workshop rooms are equipped with wired internet access points, allowing presenters to connect their laptops to a stable wired network environment during the workshops. Participants will be sufficiently provided with necessary facilities like power outlets and projectors in all workshop rooms.

For the workshop sessions, participants will be encouraged to bring their own laptops so they can directly utilize and take home the work done during the hands-on sessions.

e. Available rooms for additional small business meetings.

We can provide the five lounges adjacent to the Phoenix Hall main auditorium for small business meetings. These back rooms offer a quiet, private space for discussions and break-out meetings away from the main event areas.

Additionally, Participants can utilize the relaxed atmosphere of the on-site cafe and lounge within the ICCH for more informal meetups and casual conversations. These spaces provide a comfortable setting to network and collaborate over drinks and light refreshments.

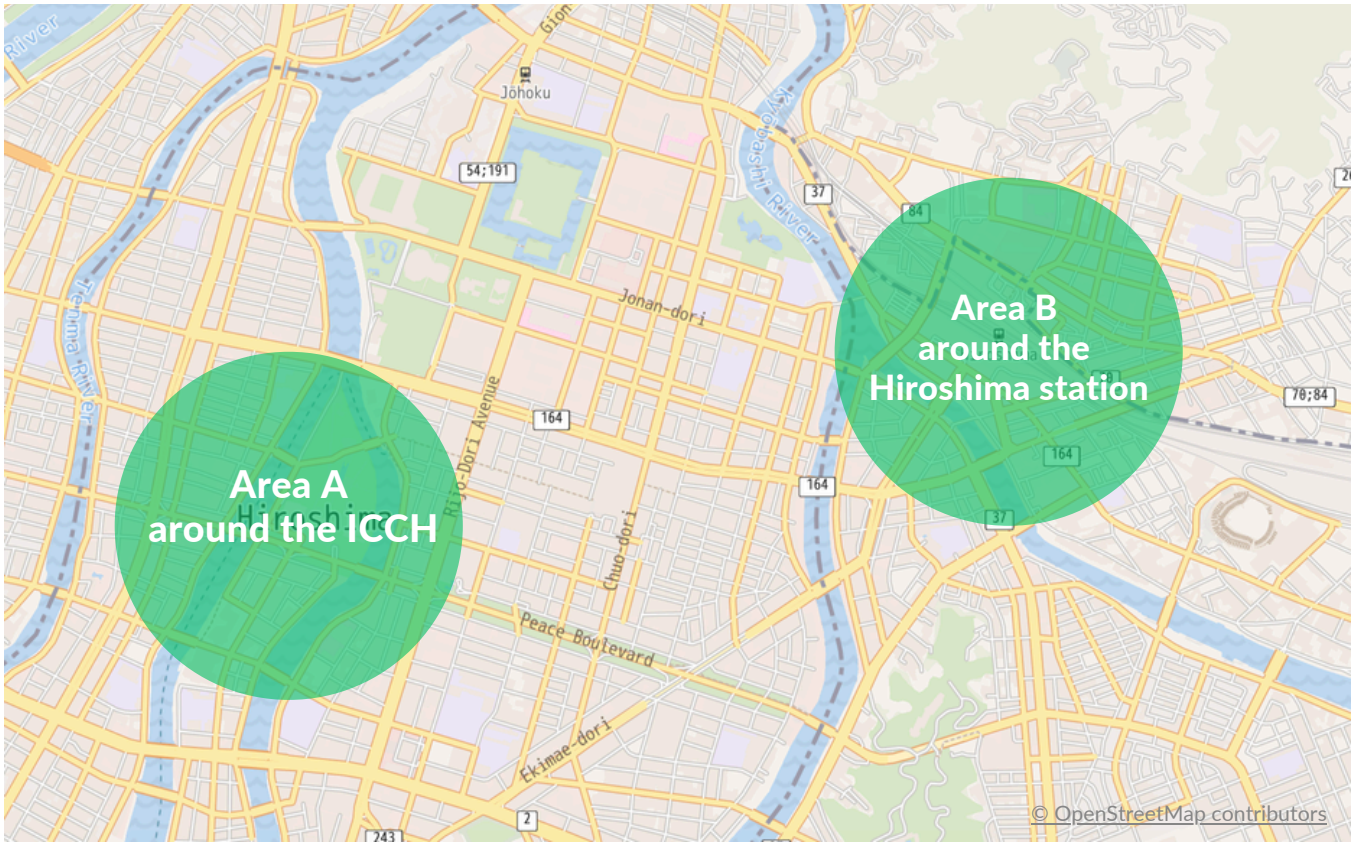
cafe

lobby

f. What accommodations are available? Where are they relative to the venue? Pricing? Quantity?

Hiroshima City offers a variety of hotel types. Most hotels provide western-style bedrooms equipped with amenities such as slippers and nightwear, and guests may enjoy complimentary breakfast depending on their accommodation plans. As the table on the next page indicates, hotel prices vary widely, allowing participants to select options that suit their budget and plans.

Additionally, arrangements are being considered to facilitate accommodations for students and participants from low-income countries, ensuring accessibility for all attendees.



Hotel Location Map

Area A (around the ICCH)

Hotel	Standard	Room	Distance to ICCH	Price (USD)
RIHGA Royal Hotel Hiroshima	★★★★	491	1.6km	73 ~ 1,666
ANA Crown Plaza Hiroshima	★★★★	402	1.1km	79~720
Hilton Hiroshima	★★★★	420	1.4km	102~1,219
Hotel Hokke Club Hiroshima	★★★	384	0.9km	42~170
Mitsui Garden Hotel	★★★	281	0.9km	53~440
Comfort Inn Hiroshima Heiwa-Odori	★★★	282	0.9km	44~153
Mielparque Hiroshima	★★★	91	0.8km	65~181
HOTEL MYSTAYS Hiroshima Peace Park	★★★	284	0.8km	33~666
Hotel Park Side Hiroshima	★★★	91	0.7km	33~129
Dormy Inn Hiroshima	★★★	166	0.8km	73~167
Daiwa Roynet Hotel	★★★	231	0.8km	40~218
Hiroshima City BUNKA KORYU KAIKAN	★★★	72	0.5km	39~126

Area B (around the Hiroshima station)

Hotel	Standard	Room	Distance to ICCH	Price (USD)
Hotel Granvia Hiroshima	★★★★	402	3.2km	67~993
Sheraton Grand Hiroshima Hotel	★★★★	238	3.3km	119~766
APA HOTEL HIROSHIMA-EKIMAE OHASHI	★★★	727	2.5km	49~260
The Royal Park Hotel Hiroshima Riverside	★★★	127	2.7km	68~278
Hiroshima Grand Intelligent Hotel	★★★	91	2.5km	46~223
Hiroshima Garden Palace	★★★	107	3.5km	43~143
Hotel Kawashima	★★★	79	2.8km	84~141

※1USD=150JPY

g. What is the maximum size your venue could entertain? The minimum?

The maximum capacity of the International Conference Center Hiroshima is approximately 1,500 people when utilizing the largest Phenix Hall for plenary sessions.

In addition, we can provide up to 10 separate meeting rooms of varying capacities to accommodate parallel tracks, workshops, and other program elements. These rooms range from the 462-seat Himawari Hall, ideal for larger parallel sessions, to smaller 36-seat rooms for interactive workshops and meetings. The capacity of each meeting room can be adjusted based on the seating arrangement, as detailed in the table below.

This diverse array of spaces allows us to host over 1,500 attendees for significant sessions and provide an optimal venue configuration for any attendance size by activating the appropriate number and mix of rooms required.

Capacity

	Area	Ceiling Height	Capacity				
			Classroom		Theater	Reception	
	(m²)	(m)	2 people seated	3 people seated		buffet	10 people seated @table
Phoenix Hall	1547	-	1,504(1st : 966, 2nd : 184, balcony : 108, 3rd : 246)				
International Conference Hall Himawari	600	6.3	176	264	600	450	300
※Fixed gallery seats on the 2nd floor : 198							
Large Conference Room Dahlia	650	4.6	240	360	720	450	300
1/2-1	290		96	144	264	200	140
1/2-2	300		96	144	264	200	140
Medium Conference Room Cosmos	350	2.5	120	180	360	200	140
1/2	170		50	75	180	120	70
Small Conference Room Ran	260	2.5	80	120	280	140	90
1/2	120		40	60	120	80	50
Conference Management Room	520	2.5	Partitions removed				
1/6	70		24	36	64	-	-
2/6	140		64	96	176	-	-
3/6	210		96	144	256	-	-
4/6	280		128	192	352	-	-
5/6	350		184	276	448	-	-
6/6	420		208	312	544	-	-
Conference Management Room Lobby	300	2.4	-	-	-	-	-

h. How accessible is your venue? (wheelchair, blindness,...)

Japan has laws that promote accessibility for older people and individuals with disabilities, such as those using wheelchairs or who are visually impaired, to ensure they can smoothly participate in daily and social activities. The venue is also subject to these regulations and must make reasonable accommodations.

The ICCH fully equips itself to serve attendees with disabilities, featuring elevators, multi-purpose restrooms, and other necessary facilities to ensure full accessibility. It offers wheelchairs for loan as needed. In the Phoenix Hall, staff can designate spaces specifically for wheelchair users.

The Hiroshima LOC is committed to collaborating with the venue and local service providers to make the conference experience inclusive and accessible for all participants with diverse needs.

i. Will your venue have childcare facilities? With what requirements? (extra cost, age of children, schedule,...)

We can arrange for childcare facilities to be set up during the main conference. The operating hours of the childcare service will coincide with the conference sessions, ensuring that attendees with children can fully participate in the event. However, please note that the available languages for childcare will likely be limited to English and Japanese.

The cost of the childcare service will be determined based on the scale of the facilities and the number of children enrolled. To help offset these costs, we have secured a subsidy of ¥50,000 from the HCVB, which we will utilize to minimize the financial burden on attendees who require childcare services.

j. Will the conference have translation services? (optional)

We will provide translation services between Japanese and English for the main conference sessions held in The Phoenix Hall. The cost of this service has already been included in the on-site expense.

Additionally, we plan to collaborate with the Hiroshima Convention & Visitors Bureau (HCVB) to station volunteers at the information booths throughout the conference venue. These volunteers can provide tourist information, city guidance, and general assistance in English, making it easier for international attendees to navigate the event and make the most of their time in Hiroshima.

3. The hosting organization and local community.

a. Supporting local organizations (companies, universities, user groups) and individuals that would be involved in the local conference committee, and a sense of their level of commitment.

FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 is supported by several organizations, with the OSGeo Japan Chapter (OSGeo.JP) playing a central role. Established concurrently with the OSGeo Foundation in 2006, OSGeo.JP has a long history of actively promoting the use and development of FOSS4G. Their annual conference contributes to the proliferation and community formation of FOSS4G in Japan by bringing together community members to exchange insights and experiences and featuring domestic experts and international speakers to enhance global information exchange.

OSGeo.JP collaborates with Open Source and Open Data related communities on initiatives such as Lightning Talk events, workshops, and joint conferences. These collaborations help to broaden the reach and impact of FOSS4G in Japan.

Support for FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 extends to government agencies, educational institutions, industry, non-profit organizations, and the broader open source community, including domestic and international members. These supporters contribute through volunteering, promoting FOSS4G, and presenting at the conference, demonstrating a strong level of commitment to the event's success. A list of supporters can be found on the next page, and the support letter is included as Annex 1.

In addition, over 20 organizational and supporting members of OSGeo.JP have contributed to the organization, thereby supporting the successful hosting of FOSS4G 2025.

This diverse group of organizations, along with the support from the broader community, ensures that FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 will be a well-organized and impactful conference.

Past FOSS4G Conferences in Japan

Supporters	Organization
Japan Tourism Agency	Government
Digital Agency	Government
Japan National Tourism Organization	Government
Hiroshima Prefectural Government	Government
The City of Hiroshima	Government
Artificial Intelligence Research Center, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology	Government
Center for Spatial Information Science, The University of Tokyo	Academia
Geographical Information Systems Association	Academia
Japan Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing	Academia
Japanese Agricultural System Society	Academia
Asia Air Survey Co.,Ltd.	Companies
Aero Asahi Corporation	Companies
Georepublic Japan	Companies
Geolonia Inc.	Companies
MIERUNE	Companies
GRASS GIS, represented by its Project Steering Committee	Communities
Open Culture Foundation	Communities
OpenStreetMap Taiwan	Communities
Open Source Conference Office	Communities
FOSS4G-ASIA	Communities
Japan PostgreSQL Users Group	Communities
MySQL Community Team	Communities
OpenStreetMap Foundation Japan	Communities

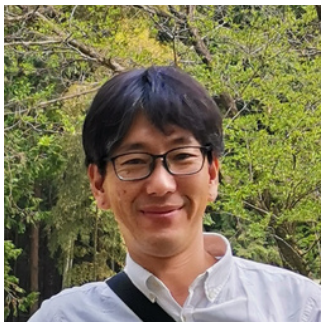
b. Local organizing committee.

Our LOC gathers key experts from Japan's geospatial community, including government agencies, educational institutions, industry representatives, non-profit organizations, and the open source software community. A distinctive feature of our team is the presence of members in their 20s and 30s, a result of the accumulated efforts and activities of OSGeo.JP over the years. This diverse mix of experienced professionals and young enthusiasts ensures that our conference will benefit from established expertise and fresh perspectives, fostering a dynamic and innovative atmosphere.

i. Co-chair

Kenya Tamura

Kenya Tamura is at the forefront of Geographic Information Science in digital twins and smart cities. He holds prestigious positions, including CEO of Eukarya Inc., Director of OSGeo Japan, Director of Welcome Japan, and a researcher at the University of Tokyo. Eukarya Inc. served as the Diamond Sponsor for FOSS4G Prizren 2023.



Nobusuke Iwasaki

Nobusuke is a representative of the OSGeo Japan chapter and a Professor at Tottori University. He first participated in FOSS4G in 2007 and was so impressed with the potential of FOSS4G and its community that he has continued to be actively involved. He strongly contributes to several academic projects which aim to utilize satellite images and FOSS4G for beginners and non-specialist users. He has been an OSGeo Charter member since 2013.

ii. Volunteers

Hidenori Fujimura

Hidenori has been leading the United Nations Smart Maps Group within the United Nations Open GIS Initiative. He is passionate about fostering partnerships through geospatial information and believes in the importance of sharing machine-readable and cloud-native geospatial data. He initiated the development of the United Nations Vector Tile toolkit and has contributed to the implementation and upkeep of GSI Maps, the web map platform by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI). Presently, he is serving as Senior Advisor at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Toshikazu Seto

Toshikazu Seto is the associate professor of Komazawa University. He has been involved in FOSS4G activities in Japan and has participated in several global conferences and presented in academic tracks since 2010 (e.g. FOSS4G 2010, 2015,2016,2017,2022,2023). He was also elected as a Charter member in 2014.

Narumasa Tsutsumida

Narumasa Tsutsumida is a geographic information scientist who studies land cover classification and its uncertainties, and develops novel techniques for analyzing land cover. He incorporates human perception of nature into land cover maps and integrates satellite/aero and street-level sequential images to collect ground information for land cover mapping. He is a charter member of OSGeo as well as a member of OSGeo Japan. Currently, he is an associate professor in Saitama University, Japan, since 2021.

Daisuke Yoshida

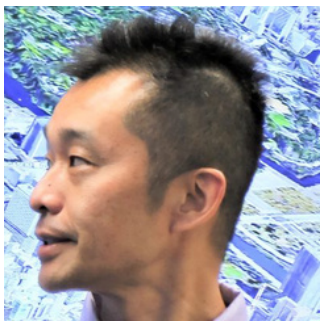
Daisuke Yoshida is an associate professor at the Graduate School of Informatics at Osaka Metropolitan University. His work focuses specifically on developing methods to efficiently and safely maintain and manage various urban infrastructures by using ICT such as drones and GIS. He was also elected as a Charter member in 2009.

Yuichiro Nishimura

Yuichiro Nishimura is the professor of Nara Women's University. His original researches are about time-geographical studies, recently he has deeply involved the studies about GIS and society in Japan. He has been involved in FOSS4G activities in Japan and has participated in several global conferences and presented in academic tracks since 2011. He was also elected as a Charter member in 2015. He also managed several global SotM in Japan and IGU Kyoto regional Conference2013 and ICC Tokyo 2019.

Taichi Furuhashi

Taichi is passionate about mapping, connecting local communities with maps and sharing knowledge to empower people. As you know, Huge Earthquake and Tsunami destroyed a lot of cities and local communities in East Japan area, 2011. He and local people are trying, how to make more resilient society with Mapping, Panorama/VR and Drone technology. Taichi is a professor of Aoyama Gakuin University and President of CrisisMappers Japan, NPO. Now he has started DRONEBIRD project with drones for Disaster Crisis Response. In addition, he has worked for advisory board chairman of Project PLATEAU as 3D Digital Twin by Japanese government.



Hidenori Watanave

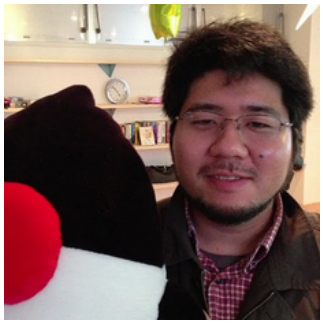
Hidenori is a professor at the University of Tokyo's Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies. He plays a pivotal role in advancing digital archives such as the Hiroshima Archive, which utilize FOSS4G technologies. These archives integrate diverse data sources into digital platforms to overlay historical disasters onto current geographical contexts, aiming to provide a detailed and realistic portrayal of events. His efforts are focused on enhancing information value and preserving historical memories for future generations.

Yuya Uchiyama

Mr. Yuya Uchiyama serves as the Director for IT Strategic Planning and Coordination in the City Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT). Having worked in various departments such as the Water and Disaster Management Bureau, the Civil Aviation Bureau, and as the Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister, he is currently engaged in a wide range of policies. As the leader of the project team for "Project PLATEAU," an urban digital twin initiative promoted by MLIT, he delivered a presentation as a silver sponsor at FOSS4G 2023 in Prizren, Kosovo last year.

Toru Mori

Toru Mori is the founder and first president of OSGeo.JP. He has been a Charter member of OSGeo.org since 2006 and has been actively promoting the use of FOSS4G in Japan ever since. He is currently serving as an auditor of OSGeo.JP.



Taro Matsuzawa

Taro is a director of OSGeo Japan chapter and GIS developer of Georepublic Japan. Also, he works as a director of OpenStreetMap Foundation Japan and a sub president of Japan Unix Society.

Hirohumi Hayashi

Hirofumi Hayashi (aka Hayashi) became an OSGeo Charter member in 2010, and is a longtime member of the Board of the OSGeo-Japan chapter, and directly involved in several OSGeo projects including the ZOO Project (PSC member), OSGeo4W (committing enhancements to the installer, plus translations), GRASS (translations), and Geopaparazzi and MapMint.
Hayashi is a Manager for a large engineering company in Osaka Japan (Applied Technology Co.), and yet still finds time to contribute to the vibrant OSGeo-Japan community.

Hinako Iseki

Hinako Iseki (aka asahina) is a director of OSGeo Japan chapter and a member of UN Smart Map. She works as a GIS developer. She organizes and manages OSGeo Japan events and participates in other community events. She is working to promote MapLibre GL JS in Japan, for example, by writing articles and books. She taught MapLibre GL JS to beginners at the FOSS4G Japan 2023 and FOSS4G TOKAI 2023.

Taisei Nakamura

Taisei Nakamura is an engineer working at CTI Engineering Co., Ltd. , working on DX for the AEC.In particular, he specializes in fields such as point clouds, digital twin, real-time CG, IoT, and XR. He participated in FOSS4G 2023 as a volunteer.

Kimika Arai

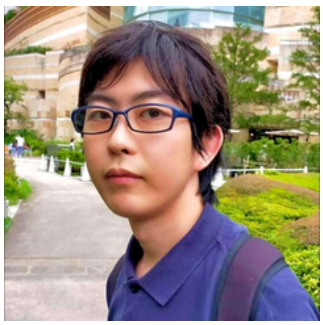
Kimika Arai is from Geolonia. She works in the administration department, where she handles finance, HR, and general tasks. Geolonia makes maps using open-source data. Their goal is to make maps easy to use and understand. She's excited to meet everyone at the exhibition.

Satsuki Higuchi

Satsuki is a GIS developer for Geolonia. She has mainly been involved in the development of web applications. She realizes that there are many issues that can be solved in the field of open source and GIS, and hopes to expand its benefits in the future.

Kyoung-Sook Kim

Kyoung-Sook Kim is a deputy director at the Artificial Intelligence Research Center (AIRC) at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) in Japan. Her research interests are in big data analysis, spatiotemporal data platforms, location-based services, etc. She currently contributes to international standardization related to big data and AI quality by serving as a co-chair of Moving Features SWG and GeoAI DWG of the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) and an expert of ISO/IEC/JTC 1 SC 42 (AI) WG 2 (Data), IEC SyC Smart Cities WG 3 (Reference Architecture), and ISO/TC 204 WG 3(ITS database technology).



Haruki Inoue

Haruki Inoue is a member of the OSGeo Japan. He is an iOS app engineer. He is also a web app engineer. He is involved in planning and managing events hosted by OSGeoJP. He also actively speaks at events about open source map libraries.

Shogo Hirasawa

Shogo Hirasawa earned his Master's from the University of Tokyo in 2024 and joined Humanitarian OpenStreetMap as a voting member in 2023. Specializing in geospatial information science and remote sensing, he is a core developer for UNVT Portable under the UN OpenGIS Initiative.

Satoshi Alexandre Tanaka

Alex is an active DevRel member of the OSGeo Japan Chapter and other OSS communities in Japan. While focusing on on-demand web development technologies, he is following emerging technologies such as digital twin, point cloud processing, real-time location information distribution on a large scale, general GNSS signal processing, and drone control, and is exploring ways to contribute to FOSS4G. He is obsessed with breaking down unfairness through contributions to OpenStreetMap and other open data enrichment.

Taehoon Kim

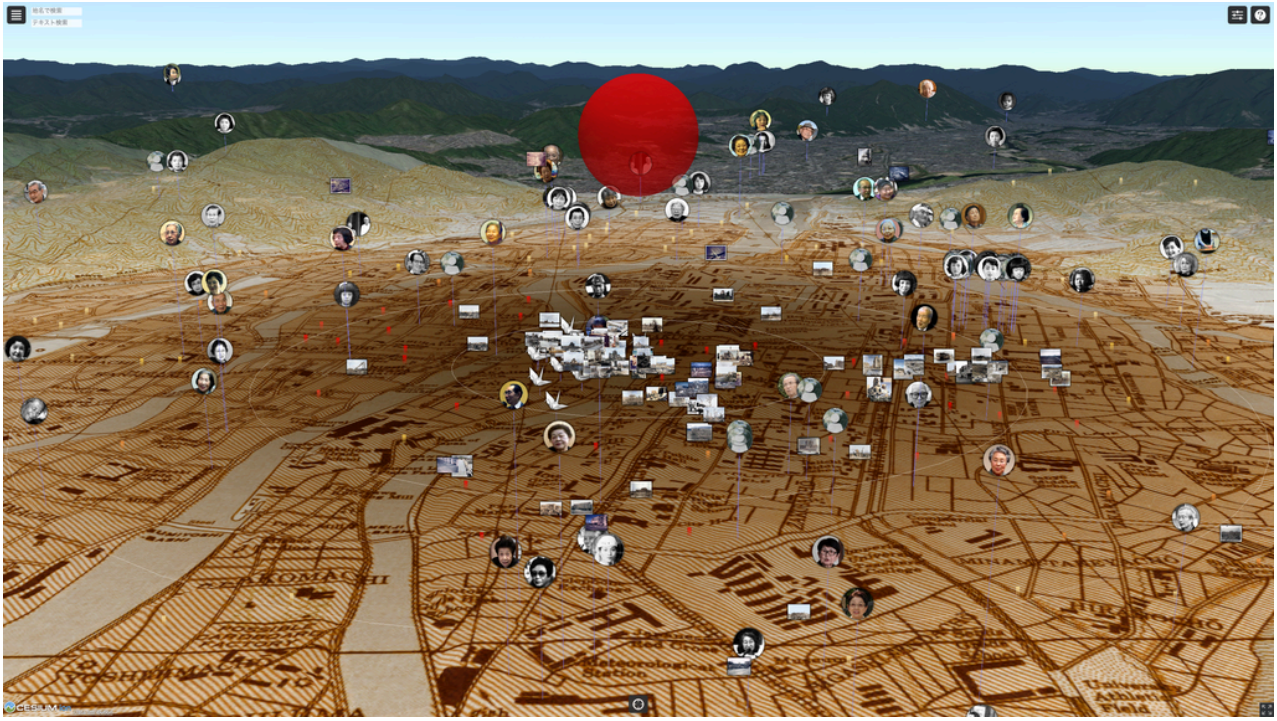
Taehoon Kim became an OSGeo Charter member in 2023. He is a researcher at the Artificial Intelligence Research Center (AIRC), National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Japan. He also serves on a technical committee of the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) standards development organizations. He joined an OGC standard working group for moving features and IndoorGML. As one of the activities, he developed various software to implement those standards, such as OGC API – Moving Features server implementation with pygeoapi and MobilityDB, moving features visualization tools based on CesiumJS, etc.

c. Local open source development and implementation activity, interest and enthusiasm for open source geospatial in your region.

Through annual conferences and events, the OSGeo Japan Chapter promotes open source geospatial development and regional implementation. We engage with various communities beyond GIS, collaborating and participating in events where the open source community gathers. We support regional activities in Japan, such as in the Tokai and Hokkaido regions, where there is active sharing of FOSS4G knowledge. We also work with academic organizations like the Geographic Information Systems Association, the Japanese Agricultural System Society, and the Association of Japanese Geographer to further promote open source geospatial technologies.

In Japan, a wealth of open datasets, including Project PLATEAU, a groundbreaking 3D urban development project, are available. This initiative, set to reach a milestone in 2025, creates digital twins of cities across Japan, showcasing the latest 3D modeling and data integration advancements. The availability of open datasets like Project PLATEAU has not only spurred the emergence of commercial entities in Japan leveraging FOSS4G and open data but also empowered government agencies to publish and promote open data usage. This, in turn, fosters the growth of the open source geospatial community, demonstrating these technologies' practical applications and benefits.

Additionally, many services, and contents utilizing FOSS4G have been developed, such as the "Hiroshima Archive," a multidimensional digital archive combining materials related to the atomic bombing, produced jointly by the Watanave Laboratory at the University of Tokyo, Hiroshima Jogakuin High School, and others. The archive serves as a record of history and valuable material for conveying wishes for peace and the tragedy of war to future generations.



Hiroshima Archive

d. How do you plan to manage/organize work and relations with OSGeo (especially with the board and conference committees)?

Some members of the LOC, including the conference co-chairs, are OSGeo charter members, bringing deep insights into the OSGeo community. Since 2008, we have accumulated years of experience organizing local FOSS4G events in various locations in Japan. Through this, we have understood the importance of maintaining close communication with all stakeholders when hosting a conference. Therefore, in hosting FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025, we aim to maintain close communication with OSGeo.

To facilitate smooth cooperation with OSGeo, the LOC holds regular meetings to share progress. We invite members of the OSGeo board to meetings of the local organizing committee and discuss all decisions in consultation with OSGeo.

As part of our relationship with OSGeo, the LOC is considering the possibility of operating Venueless in collaboration with the OSGeo Foundation. We hope that by working together to install and maintain Venueless on OSGeo servers, we can create a cost-effective and sustainable solution for future FOSS4G events.

Our current budget assumes outsourcing of streaming services. However, we propose allocating these funds to the OSGeo Foundation to commission the installation and maintenance of Venueless. This approach would benefit the FOSS4G community by providing a reliable virtual event platform while supporting the OSGeo Foundation. We look forward to exploring this possibility and discussing it with OSGeo.

Keynote Speech at FOSS4G 2008 Tokyo

4. COVID-19 considerations (or other similar threats).

a. Provide a backup plan to organize FOSS4G 2025 as a virtual event or as a hybrid one.

Given the ongoing uncertainties related to COVID-19 and other potential pandemics, we have developed comprehensive backup plans to ensure FOSS4G 2025's success. These plans include:

- Hybrid Model:
  - We are implementing a video recording component within the conference structure, potentially adopting a fully hybrid model allowing attendees to participate both in person and remotely, depending on pandemic conditions. This approach may necessitate a budget reassessment to cover remote participation costs.

- Onsite-Virtual Combination:
  - An alternative strategy might involve an onsite-virtual combination, focusing onsite sessions on live streaming, with virtual sessions designed specifically for remote attendees. This would require adjustments to both the conference program schedule and registration deadlines.

- Fully Virtual Format:
  - As a last resort, we could pivot entirely to a virtual format, hosting all conference activities online using platforms like Venueless. This option could streamline preparations and enhance our flexibility regarding health advisories.

Virtual Format FOSS4G in Japan

b. Indicate a milestone (number of months before the event) when a decision regarding the type of event should be publicly announced (physical/virtual/hybrid).

The LOC will finalize the decision regarding the format of FOSS4G 2025 by the end of March 2025.
We have scheduled the conference for August 25-31, 2025, and we have carefully planned the timeline for announcing the format to allow approximately five months for participants and stakeholders to make necessary adjustments. We chose this decision timeframe to ensure that all involved have ample opportunity to prepare, aligning with the need for adaptability in response to the dynamic global health landscape.

However, we will remain vigilant and adaptable to changes in the global health situation, such as the rapid development of events observed during the COVID-19 pandemic. For instance, should the WHO issue an emergency declaration or significant changes in local infection control measures, we are prepared to pivot to a virtual format swiftly. The LOC will closely monitor the situation and provide updates to the OSGeo board and conference committee as needed, ensuring transparent and timely decision-making. We prioritize the health and safety of all attendees and will follow local and international health guidelines. This may include enhanced sanitation, ventilation protocols, and temperature screening.

c. Assess the financial and organizational impact of going with a virtual/hybrid event instead a traditional one;

Our venue cancellation policy permits a full refund up to two months before the event date and a 50% refund up to one month before the event date. These policies allow us to reallocate funds from onsite preparations to virtual infrastructure or hybrid logistics, thereby minimizing financial risks. Switching to a hybrid or entirely virtual event allows for redirecting budgetary allocations from physical venue needs to technological solutions that support remote participation.

From an organizational perspective, deciding the conference format five months in advance, as previously mentioned, enables us to smoothly transition to a virtual event to comply with restrictions while ensuring the continuity of the conference. This planning window provides sufficient time to adjust strategies, align technical resources, and communicate changes to participants, ensuring that attendees and organizers can adapt efficiently to a virtual or hybrid setup if necessary.

5. The budget.

a. What is your budget? Expenses for venue, food, marketing, audio-visual, network access, video streaming and/or recording etc

We have estimated the budget for FOSS4G 2025 using the following three scenarios: Base: 400, Better: 500, and Best: 600.

The total revenue for FOSS4G 2025 is approximately 61-73 million Japanese Yen (JPY), and the total expense is 60-70 million JPY. These expenses include venue, catering, marketing, audio-visual equipment, network access, video streaming, recording, and other essential costs.

Conference registration was calculated considering ten complimentary fees. For the remaining paying participants, 55 early fees and 45 regular/on-site fees were considered. Workshop registration has been considered all on early fees

In the On-Site expenses, translation (English to Japanese) for the Plenary room and video streaming in all meeting rooms have been included. The detailed budget is included in Annex2.

Revenue / Expence	Base: 400	Better: 500	Best: 600
Workshops	¥8,181,818	¥8,181,818	¥8,181,818
Early Bird Conference	¥12,150,000	¥15,187,500	¥18,225,000
Regular Conference	¥ 13,254,545	¥16,568,182	¥ 19,881,818
Sponsorship	¥27,450,000	¥27,450,000	¥27,450,000
TOTAL REVENUE	¥ 61,036,364	¥ 67,387,500	¥ 73,738,636
On-site Expensec	¥ 27,957,000	¥ 28,257,000	¥ 28,557,000
Committee and Speaker Costs	¥850,000	¥850,000	¥850,000
Marketing Expenses	¥1,645,000	¥1,645,000	¥1,645,000
Administrative Expenses	¥2,081,755	¥2,335,800	¥ 2,589,845
Conference Catering Expenses	¥4,800,000	¥6,000,000	¥7,200,000
Gala dinner & Ice Breaker	¥ 10,000,000	¥ 12,500,000	¥ 15,000,000
Conference Organizer Expenses	¥6,153,000	¥6,155,000	¥6,157,000
TOTAL EXPENCE	¥ 60,823,487	¥65,738,909	¥70,654,332
OUTCOME FOSS4G 2025	¥212,877	¥1,648,591	¥3,084,305

b. What is your expected attendance? Why? Where do you think delegates will come from?

The expected attendance for FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima is between 400 and 600 participants. This estimate is based on the venue's size and capacity and historical attendance figures from previous FOSS4G events.

The conference is anticipated to attract a diverse group of delegates from various sectors, including academia, industry, government, and non-profit organizations involved in or interested in FOSS4G. The LOC expects delegates to come from all over the world, with a significant number from Asia due to the geographic location of the conference. Additionally, the global nature of the FOSS4G community and the growing interest in geospatial technologies will likely draw participants from Europe, North America, and other regions.

To encourage participation from students, individuals from low-income countries, and refugee attendees, we will offer a 50% discount on the registration fee and utilize the previously mentioned Hardship Fund.

Moreover, there is a significant domestic community of FOSS4G users in Japan, and participation from local organizations that have issued support letters, including companies and academic societies, is also anticipated.

The choice of Hiroshima as the host city, known for its historical significance and commitment to peace and cultural exchange, may also serve as an additional draw for international attendees. As indicated by the current record-high number of international tourists visiting Japan, the country has become more accessible, which could mean that the number of attendees might exceed the anticipated 600.

International Conference Center Hiroshima

c. What is your expected sponsorship? Why? Do you have local potential sponsors already identified? At what levels?

The sponsorship strategy for FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 will continue the successful policies of past FOSS4G events while utilizing new support and grants to enhance the initiative further. Below, we present the proposed sponsorship categories, benefits, and additional support information.

i. Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

- Diamond Sponsorship (4,500,000 JPY):
  - Includes 6 free registrations, named meals, logo on T-shirts, and the largest exhibition booth.
- Platinum Sponsorship (3,000,000 JPY):
  - Includes 4 free registrations, named meals, and a large exhibition booth.
- Gold Sponsorship (2,250,000 JPY):
  - Includes 3 free registrations and a large exhibition booth.
- Silver Sponsorship (1,500,000 JPY):
  - Includes 2 free registrations and a standard exhibition booth.
- Bronze Sponsorship (750,000 JPY):
  - Includes 1 free registration and a tabletop display.
- Supporting Sponsorship (150,000 JPY): Includes 1 free registration, no booth included.

ii. Additional Sponsorship Information

- Eukarya Inc:
  - Supported as a Diamond Sponsor for FOSS4G Prizren 2023 and has committed to continuing their support as a Diamond Sponsor for FOSS4G 2025.
- Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism:
  - Currently promoting the PLATEAU Project and participated as a sponsor in FOSS4G Prizren 2023 and FOSS4G ASIA 2024. There is a high possibility of their sponsorship for FOSS4G 2025 as well.
- Hiroshima Convention & Visitors Bureau:
  - Will provide a budget of 3 million JPY if Hiroshima is confirmed as the host city. However, if the event generates a surplus of 600,000 JPY or more, the surplus amount must be refund
- Japan Tourism Agency Grant:
  - Applying for the "Enhancement of International Conference Venues in Japan" grant, aiming for a subsidy of up to 15 million JPY. The agency is willing to support initiatives like the Pub Race.

iii. Applications for Specific Purpose Grants

We are also considering applying for grants for specific purposes, such as the Hardship Fund. This fund aims to provide travel subsidies for refugees and other individuals facing financial difficulties, support broader participation in the event, and fulfill our social responsibilities.

iv. Sponsorship Goals

We aim to secure at least 30%, ideally more than 40%, of the operating funds for FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 through sponsorships. This will enhance the quality of the event and provide participants with a valuable experience.

Hiroshima Tourism Association

d. Delegate fees for the conference, workshop and any social activities not included in the main conference fee. We encourage you to consider innovative pricing plans that support inclusion of economically disadvantaged groups.

Registration fees for FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 encompass participation in all general/academic sessions, a conference kit, and comprehensive food and beverage services. These include two coffee breaks each day for the Conference and Workshops, a daily lunch during the conference, and a light coffee break for the Code Sprint. The fees also cover admission to the Gala Dinner and the Ice Breaker Event.

Despite offering a wide array of services and being situated in a notable location, we have endeavored to keep the conference registration fees reasonable. Hiroshima, famed for its historical importance and as a UNESCO World Heritage site with its Peace Memorial and rich cultural legacy, is a popular tourist spot both in Japan and abroad. This backdrop adds to the charm and distinction of the conference.

In our commitment to inclusivity and accessibility, we are offering substantial discounts of 50% to participants from low-income countries and implementing specific support measures for refugees. These efforts are part of our broader goal to ensure that FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 is accessible to a diverse global audience, reflecting the spirit of openness and community that defines the FOSS4G.

Content	Type	Fee (include VAT)	Fee (exclude VAT)
GENERAL SESSION RESISTRATION*	EARLY	¥67,500	¥61,364
	REGULER / ON SITE	¥90,000	¥81,818
	FREE (Invited Speaker, LOC, OSGeo board)	¥0	¥0
Workshop	EARLY	¥12,000	¥10,909
	REGULER / ON SITE	¥18,000	¥16,364

*The general session registration covers fees for social events, including the Ice Breaker and Gala Dinner.

e. You should include details of any grants or subsidized rates that you will offer which will be funded from within your budget (note that you will be expected to part finance and run a Travel Grant Programme with support from the Conference Committee)

To ensure broad participation worldwide, we will implement the Travel Grant Program. OSGeo.JP will utilize its existing funds to provide Travel Grants, which will be open to all domestic and international participants. Additionally, we will use public accommodation facilities for students and volunteers and aim to subsidize at least 50% of their costs.

We will also provide Travel Grants for refugees from conflict regions or those who have fled to Japan for study or safety to support peacebuilding and national reconstruction efforts. These grants will be funded through sponsorships tailored to these specific purposes.

Furthermore, we will consult with the conference committee on securing additional Travel Grants to expand the scope of support and ensure a diverse and inclusive event.

f. Estimate of any seed funding and/or guarantee required

For FOSS4G 2025, we are fortunate to receive financial assistance of up to 3 million JPY from the Hiroshima Convention & Visitors Bureau (HCVB). The subsidy from the HCVB must be returned if the event generates a surplus of more than 200,000 JPY. However, there is no obligation to repay these funds in the event of a financial loss. Additionally, an equivalent amount of seed funding will be provided by OSGeo.JP.

Given these conditions, we do not require additional seed funding. Nevertheless, to safeguard against potential financial shortfalls, we request an extra guarantee of 3,000,000 JPY ($20,000) from OSGeo to cover any possible losses. This guarantee ensures that OSGeo's total financial exposure would be limited to $20,000, providing financial security and allowing us to focus on delivering a successful and impactful conference.

g. The level of surplus forecast at different levels of attendance and the proportion that will be donated to OSGeo (see Funding by OSGeo and distribution of surplus)

As mentioned in the previous section, if a surplus of 200,000 JPY or more is generated, we must return the HCVB subsidy. This situation complicates the considerations for donating to OSGeo. If we accept the HCVB subsidy, we will proceed as follows: if the profit is less than 200,000 JPY, we will donate the entire amount to OSGeo. If the profit is over 3 million JPY, we will donate 70% to OSGeo.

It is important to note that it is possible to decline the 3 million JPY subsidy. We will decline the subsidy if we determine that we can manage the event without this subsidy, based on factors such as sponsorships, registration numbers, and other grants. In that case, we will donate 70% of the profits to OSGeo.

Description	BASE: 400	BETTER: 500	BEST: 600
Surplus FOSS4G 2025	¥200,000	¥1,600,000	¥3,200,000
OSGeo for guarantee	¥200,000	¥0	¥200,000

h. Present your solutions to avoid financial losses in case of unforeseen situations (e.g. event insurances, specific contract clauses that allow cancellations at no cost/low cost, etc.)

Regarding the conference venue, a full refund is available up to two months prior, and a half refund is available up to one month prior. Beyond that point, no refund will be issued; however, in consultation with the HCVB and PCO, we will consider subscribing to appropriate insurance to minimize losses.

6. The program.

a. Provide a high-level view of the program, indicating number of tracks, size of tracks, workshops, size of workshops, and other features of your program. Indicate the number of presentations, posters, and workshops you expect to accept.

The FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 will continue the tradition of fostering innovation, education, and community within open source geospatial software. The conference will span five days, featuring two days dedicated to interactive workshops and three days of presentations, including keynote sessions, lightning talks, and panel discussions, culminating in a community sprint and a code sprint over the weekend.

We plan to organize the conference into multiple thematic tracks that reflect the current trends and interests within the geospatial community, such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Open Geospatial Data, Community and Participatory GIS, Geospatial Software Development, and Sustainability and Climate Change. Each track will host a series of presentations and workshops aimed at varying levels of expertise, from beginner to advanced practitioners. The conference will also include Plenary and Keynote sessions by guests and OSGeo community members, each lasting 1.5 to 2 hours. To make these sessions more accessible to non-expert Japanese attendees and citizens of Hiroshima, they will be translated into Japanese.

i. Workshop

We will dedicate the first two days to workshops, accommodating 36 and 144 participants. We aim to host up to 40 workshops focusing on hands-on learning and skill development in using and contributing to open source geospatial software and data. The workshops will cover various topics, from introductory sessions on FOSS4G to advanced workshops on spatial data analysis, web mapping, and geospatial data management.

ii. Presentations

The core days of the conference will feature presentations selected through a rigorous peer-review process. We anticipate accepting approximately 150 presentations distributed across ten thematic tracks. Each presentation will be 20 minutes, followed by a Q&A session. Additionally, we will incorporate lightning talks of 5 minutes each to accommodate a broader range of topics and speakers.

iii. Posters

We will organize a poster session to facilitate informal discussions and detailed technical exchanges. We aim to showcase around 20 posters highlighting innovative projects, research findings, and community initiatives within the open source geospatial realm.

iv. Interactive demonstration

In addition to our traditional poster sessions, we are excited to introduce a new component to our program: the Interactive Demonstration. This demonstration will be held in the same room as the poster sessions and feature a live, hands-on presentation of geospatial technologies and applications. It is designed to showcase the operational aspects of the technology, focusing on live interactions and the functionality of the tools and software being presented.

The demonstration will rotate on an hourly basis, allowing attendees the opportunity to engage with a variety of technologies and applications throughout the day. Unlike poster sessions, which aim to discuss concepts and findings through visual displays, the Interactive Demonstration will show the technology in action. This format offers a dynamic platform for the presenter to convey their work's practical use and impact while providing attendees an immersive learning experience.

By incorporating the Interactive Demonstration into our conference, we aim to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the latest advancements in open source geospatial technology, enhancing the conference experience for presenters and attendees.

We welcome suggestions and feedback regarding this new initiative as it marks our inaugural attempt. Your input will help us refine and improve this aspect of the conference for future events.

Location	Capacity	Usage
Phenix Hall	1504 seats	Plenary, Keynote
Himawari	462 seats	Presentation
Dahlia × 2	144 seats	Presentation, Workshop
Cosmos × 2	75 seats	Presentation, Workshop
Ran × 2	60 seats	Presentation, Workshop
Conference Management Room × 3	36 seats	Presentation, Workshop
Lobby	300 ㎡	Sponsor Exhibition
Sakura	217 ㎡	Poster, Interactive Demonstration

The list and capacity of conference rooms

v. Community and Code Sprint

The conference will conclude with a community and code sprint, allowing participants to collaborate on open source geospatial projects, contribute to software development, and engage in community-building activities. We are currently considering Eikei University of Hiroshima as the venue for this event, aiming to provide an ideal setting for collaboration and innovation.

b. What social events will be part of the schedule?

The program, designed to enhance networking and community-building, will include social events currently being considered near Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. These events will provide a unique, reflective setting that honors Hiroshima's history and resilience. The Gala Dinner will blend cultural heritage and modernity, enhancing the conference experience. Additionally, the evening will feature a traditional Kagura performance, showcasing a fascinating aspect of local culture.

As mentioned in 1.b, on 30 Aug, we will organize excursions to nearby cultural and historical sites, such as Miyajima and Hiroshima Castle.

c. What dates do you expect to run the conference? Are they adjustable?

The organizing committee proposes the following dates as possible period for the FOSS4G 2025:

25-31 August 2025

d. Provide a list of local/regional/international conferences around the selected date that are viewed as competition or collaboration.

Currently, there are no conferences or events scheduled to directly overlap with FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025. However, there are a few notable events and conferences occurring in close proximity to FOSS4G:

- Hiroshima Peace Memorial Day Events (August 6, 2025)
- The 42nd Conference on Japanese-Chinese Medicine (August 23-24, 2025, International Conference Center Hiroshima, 400 participants expected)
- The 19th Molecular Science Symposium 2025 (September 8-11, 2025, International Conference Center Hiroshima, 1100 participants expected)

The 42nd Conference on Japanese-Chinese Medicine is scheduled for the weekend before FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025. Although it is not directly related to the geospatial field, the proximity of the events may lead to congestion in accommodations and transportation. Attendees of FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 are advised to make their travel arrangements well in advance.

In addition to these events, domestic geospatial conferences are typically held from autumn to winter. Although specific dates and locations have not yet been determined, competition is low. There is also potential for collaboration; we may consider hosting joint sessions with these events.

Here below an outline of the program:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Workshop1	Workshop2	Main Conference			Community Sprint	
	B2B event	Ice Breaker	Gala Dinner		Excursion	

7. Other

a. Other relevant details (ie. do you plan to use a professional conference organizing service, and approximate cost).

i. Support of The Hiroshima Convention & Visitors Bureau and other national organization

The bid to host FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima is supported by the Hiroshima Convention & Visitors Bureau, an organization dedicated to promoting tourism and attracting international conferences and events to Hiroshima Prefecture. The bureau offers various subsidies and support programs to facilitate events' smooth organization and operation. Upon confirmation of Hiroshima as the host city, we will work closely with the bureau to ensure effective communication and seamless coordination for a successful conference.

Furthermore, we plan to leverage the support and resources provided by national organizations such as the Japan Tourism Agency under the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), and the Japan National Tourism Organization. These entities offer a range of assistance programs that can significantly contribute to the success of FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima. By tapping into these support systems, we aim to enhance the overall experience for participants.

ii. Partnering with a Professional Conference Organize

Collaboration with a professional conference organizer (PCO) is essential to ensure the smooth organization and execution of a large-scale conference like FOSS4G. We communicate with two PCOs, exchanging information and insights as we prepare the bid paper. These interactions have been valuable in shaping our vision and strategy for hosting FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima. The costs associated with engaging a PCO have been considered and are included in our overall budget for the conference.

Once Hiroshima is confirmed as the host city, we will carefully evaluate and select one of the PCOs to partner with us in the planning and implementation. The chosen PCO will bring their expertise and experience to the table, helping us navigate the complex logistics and coordination required for a successful international conference.

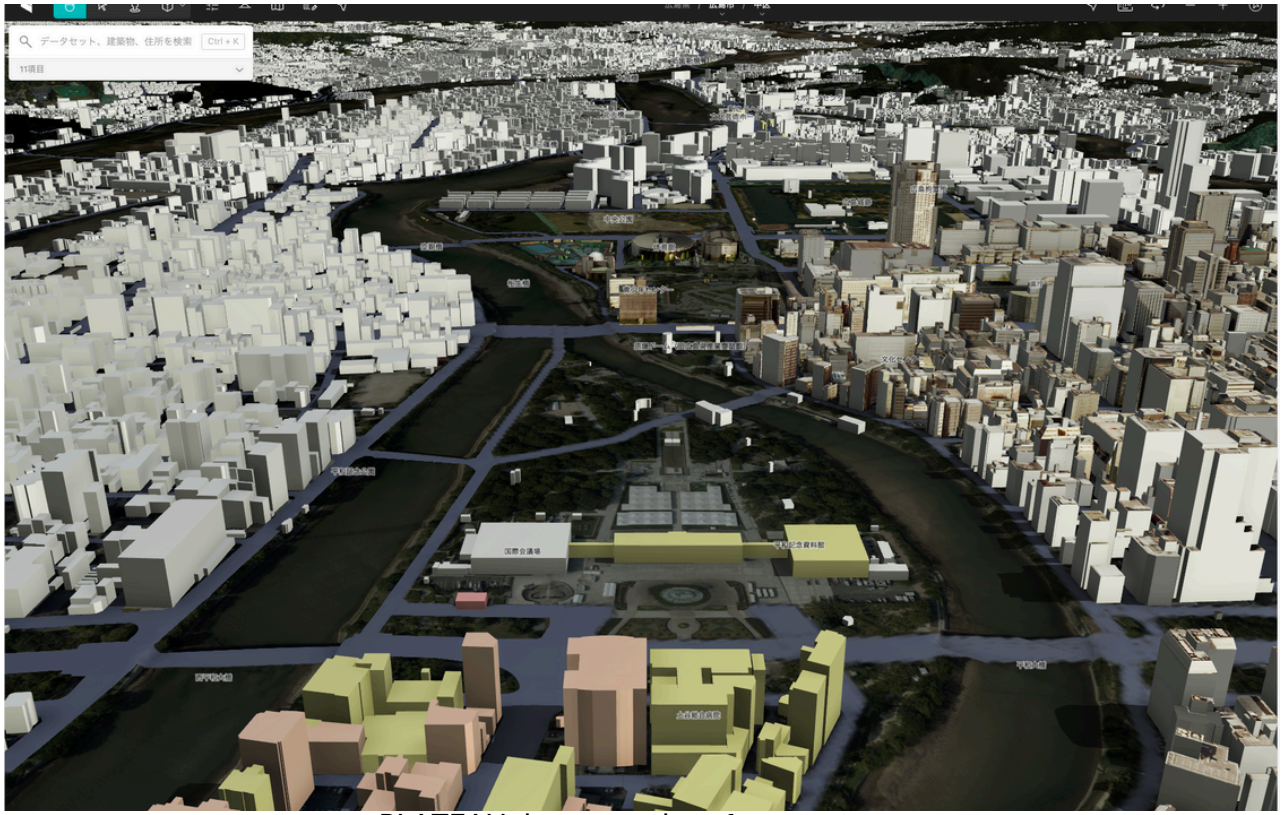
iii. Collaboration with Project PLATEAU

Project PLATEAU, spearheaded by Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, is a groundbreaking initiative promoting the development and utilization of 3D city data. By providing urban 3D models as open data, Project PLATEAU encourages using this valuable resource across various fields, including urban planning, disaster prevention, tourism, and game development.

Recognizing the significance of open source geospatial technologies, Project PLATEAU has actively participated as a sponsor in previous FOSS4G events, such as FOSS4G 2023 Prizren and FOSS4G ASIA 2023. As we prepare to host FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025, we are confident that Project PLATEAU will continue to support the conference through sponsorship.

By aligning FOSS4G 2025 with Project PLATEAU, we aim to create synergies that benefit local and international geospatial communities. This collaboration will provide a platform for showcasing the latest advancements in 3D city modeling and exploring innovative applications of open source geospatial technologies in urban development and beyond.

We believe that the partnership between FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 and Project PLATEAU will enhance the conference experience for participants and contribute to the broader goals of promoting open data, encouraging collaboration, and driving innovation in the geospatial industry.



PLATEAU data around conference venue

iv. FOSS4G 2025 Bidding LOGO

We have prepared two logo proposals for the FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 conference, each uniquely capturing the spirit of the event and the host city.

Type A innovatively merges the folding pattern of an origami crane with the FOSS4G ribbon. This design symbolizes creativity, innovation, and the open-source spirit, using a familiar origami pattern that resonates deeply with the local community. The origami crane pays homage to Hiroshima's connection to this symbol of peace and recovery, making it a fitting representation of the conference's themes and location.

Type B incorporates the Atomic Bomb Dome and the Memorial Cenotaph, two powerful symbols of Hiroshima's peace and regeneration, and a globe representing the international nature of the FOSS4G community. This design emphasizes the conference's global reach while acknowledging the host city's historical significance and peace-promoting mission.

Both logo proposals are currently in the draft stage, and we will continue to refine and develop them further based on feedback from the community and local stakeholders. We plan to conduct a series of consultations with OSGeo community members and the local organizing committee to gather opinions on the two proposed designs. The feedback from these consultations will be analyzed and discussed within the LOC to inform the final logo selection. If the consultation process indicates a significant demand for alternative designs, we will consider opening a logo design contest.

We aim to have the final logo selected and announced by December 2024, before the FOSS4G Belém 2024 conference. This timeline ensures sufficient time for branding and promotional activities, allowing us to effectively showcase the FOSS4G Hiroshima 2025 identity at the Belém event and generate excitement for the upcoming conference.

Type A

Type B

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