



May 8, 2024

Dear Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu
Co-Chairs of OSGeo Foundation Conference Committee



As the Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency, I would like to express my support for Hiroshima's candidacy to host FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima. This conference is important for the dissemination and development of high-quality open-source geospatial technology, and I sincerely hope that Hiroshima will be chosen as the host city.

In Japan, various public organizations including government agencies use FOSS4G, and FOSS4G has become essential for national policies. In particular, it is used extensively in disaster response and urban development. When the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake that struck on January this year, the system was used to exchange information on the damage, such as visualizing the recovery status of damaged roads. The system is also being used in the PLATEAU project, which is implemented by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport and Tourism (MLIT) to build digital twins for cities. I am confident that holding this conference in Japan, where open-source geospatial technology is being utilized and disseminated, and sharing Japanese technology with the world, it will be able to contribute greatly to the dissemination and development of geospatial technology worldwide.

Hiroshima has been working diligently to build a city of permanent peace based on its experience with the atomic bombing. Holding international conferences is one of the important activities to promote world peace through international exchange and communication, and a wide range of conferences are held in Hiroshima, from conferences on world peace to conferences on technology. Hiroshima has an extensive track record of hosting international conferences, including the hosting of last year's G7 Summit (the Summit of the major seven countries). There are many spots in and around Hiroshima where you can enjoy sightseeing during your stay, such as Itsukushima Shrine, which is registered as a World Heritage Site. We hope that all participants will have a fulfilling time in Japan. In addition, during the conference period, the EXPO 2025 OSAKA, KANSAI, JAPAN will be held in Osaka with the theme "Experimental Site for Future Society". Hiroshima offers easy access to neighboring cities including Osaka, so if you have time, I recommend visiting the EXPO.

We sincerely hope that Hiroshima will be chosen as the host city for the conference in 2025. We sincerely look forward to welcoming you.

Ichiro Takahashi
Commissioner
Japan Tourism Agency
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

May 10, 2024

Dear Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu
Co-Chairs of OSGeo Foundation Conference Committee



As the Vice-Minister for Digital Transformation Chief Officer of Digital Agency, I would like to express my support for Hiroshima's candidacy to host FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima. This conference is important for the dissemination and development of high-quality open-source geospatial technology, which is essential for Digital transformation in Japan, and I sincerely hope that Hiroshima will be chosen as the host city.

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Takashi Asanuma
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Chief Officer of Digital Agency

May 8th, 2024

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Dear Msilikale Msilanga and Vasile Crăciunescu,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I write to extend my full support for Japan's bid to host FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima.

The proposed host city is Hiroshima, a city known for its historical significance, resilience, and global recognition as a city of peace. Hiroshima has evolved as a vibrant urban center since its reconstruction following the devastation of World War II.

Hiroshima boasts a unique blend of modern amenities and historical charm, with its thoroughfares imbued with centuries of culture. Situated near historic landmarks such as the Itsukushima Shinto Shrine in Miyajima - one of the 25 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Japan - and the tranquil beauty of the Seto Inland Sea, Hiroshima offers an enriching experience for conference participants.

Moreover, Hiroshima offers adequate convention facilities, convenient accessibility, and a wide array of accommodation options, ensuring the success of your important event.

As president of the Japan National Tourism Organization, I am confident that hosting FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima would create lasting memories and foster fruitful discussions. I urge you to consider Hiroshima as the venue for your conference, and I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to welcome you and your delegates to Japan in 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Atsumi Gamo
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Mr. Msilikale Msilanga
Mr. Vasile Crăciunescu

I sincerely hope you will consider allowing Hiroshima to host the FOSS4G 2025 next year.

The Hiroshima Prefectural Government has been and is continuing to promote DX initiatives with the aim of enabling all residents of the prefecture to realize optimal lifestyles that meet their individual needs while maintaining relaxed work and life through the use of digital technology and data, and I believe that the use of geospatial information is also important.

Also, the potential venue, Hiroshima City, has the accomplishment of successfully holding a large number of international conferences and events such as the G7 Hiroshima Summit and the Junior Chamber of Japan National Convention Hiroshima Convention, where over 15,000 people attended. In addition, as the first city in the world to experience an atomic bombing, Hiroshima possesses global unifying force as a symbol of peace and hope.

Hiroshima is overflowing with colorful attractions such as the two World Heritage Sites, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial and Itsukushima Shrine, beautiful nature starting with the sea and mountains, and Japanese sake and cuisine called hibagyu beef that was even offered to each country's leader at the G7 Summit. I have confidence that Hiroshima will capture everyone's hearts and they will, without fail, bring those feelings home with them.

The venue is conveniently located in the center of Hiroshima City. In addition, the prefectural and city governments, as well as convention facilities, hotels, travel agencies, and other related parties will work together to create a comfortable environment to welcome everyone.

I once again humbly request for your consideration in allowing Hiroshima to host FOSS4G 2025.

Sincerely yours,

Hidehiko Yuzaki
Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture

April 1, 2024

Msilikale Msilanga
Vasile Crăciunescu
Co-Chairs

The FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima



Dear Msilikale Msilanga and Vasile Crăciunescu:

Greetings from the City of Hiroshima! I am writing to you to express my sincerest hopes that you might consider holding the FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima.

As I am sure you are aware, Hiroshima is known across the globe as a place of peace. People from all corners of the world visit Peace Memorial Park, where UNESCO World Heritage site the Atomic Bomb Dome stands and their kind offerings of flowers and paper cranes at the Cenotaph for the A-bomb Victims and the Children's Peace Monument are unending. In May last year, the G7 Hiroshima Summit was held in our city, bringing many people here, including the leaders and government workers of G7 countries, who steer global politics and economics, as well as foreign and domestic media. I believe that holding the FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima will lend itself to further engaged participants, increased global visibility, and wider reporting of outcomes, all of which would result in even greater international impact.

With an array of conference centers and hotels within walking distance of Peace Memorial Park located in the city center, Hiroshima can accommodate conventions of all sizes: from small meetings with only a few people to large-scale conferences with over 10,000 participants. In addition, there is a variety of post-convention attractions, from cruises in the Seto Inland Sea to tours of Miyajima, home to Hiroshima's second UNESCO World Heritage site Itsukushima Shrine.

Our rich urban environment has attracted a number of high-profile international events in the past, including the Mayors for Peace General Conference, the G7 Hiroshima Foreign Ministers' Meeting, and the G7 Hiroshima Summit. The response from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive.

Hiroshima City has prospered for the past 400 years. Initially a castle town, our city has developed into one of western Japan's core cities for industry, the economy, and administration. We are blessed with temperate climates and an abundance of nature, and the beautiful cityscapes created by the six rivers that flow through our city into the Seto Inland Sea, for which we are known as the "City of Water," never fail to impress residents and tourists alike.

In Hiroshima, participants will experience hospitality like no other as they enjoy our rich natural sites and cityscapes, food culture, and traditional performing arts, among so much more our city has to offer. Moreover, I hope that in addition to visiting the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and the Atomic Bomb Dome, they will also visit the Cenotaph for the A-bomb Victims and share in the Will of Hiroshima, which, enduring the sorrow of the past and overcoming hatred, yearns for the coexistence of and prosperity of all humanity. I am certain that participants will be left with a profound and lasting impression of a city unlike any other.

I humbly implore you to consider Hiroshima as the location for the FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima.

Sincerely yours,

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To: Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu
OSGeo Conference Committee Co-Chair,
Organization: OSGeo.JP

Subject: Letter of support for FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima

Tokyo, May 9, 2024

Dear Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu,

As the director of the Artificial Intelligence Research Center (AIRC) in the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), I express my most robust support for the global FOSS4G 2025 event led by OSGeo.JP.

Artificial Intelligence Research Center (AIRC) is a leading research institute in Japan focusing on AI. Our goal is to develop real-world artificial intelligence technologies to solve complex societal problems with close collaborations with academia and industries. Our research activities cover broad research areas, including Machine Learning and Deep Learning Algorithms, Natural Language Processing and Generation, GeoAI data platforms, Image processing, Robotics, Bioinformatics, Digital Human, Semantic Web, and Ontologies. We have been focusing on the development of advanced AI elemental function modules for real-world usages, such as smart cities, disaster management, smart healthcare, smart homes, and so on. AIRC has been creating a global network with EU, US, and Asian core AI institutes and universities. We are committed to helping OSGeo.JP in any way possible to host FOSS4G in Hiroshima, as well as collaborating with FOSS4G global partners.

We remain at your disposal for any other information you require at this stage and hope that we will have the pleasure of collaborating with OSGeo.JP on this important endeavor.

Your sincerely,
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To: Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu
OSGeo Conference Committee Co-Chairs

2024/5/1

Subject: Letter of Support for FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima

We are writing to express our strong support for the FOSS4G 2025 conference planned for Hiroshima. This event represents a valuable platform to highlight the active community of GIS professionals and enthusiasts in Japan, who are dedicated to the advancement of free and open-source geospatial technologies.

Hiroshima, a city marked by its history of peace and resilience, provides a meaningful backdrop that mirrors the transformative spirit of FOSS4G. Our society, committed to both theoretical and applied research in GIS, recognizes the significant role of FOSS4G technologies in pushing the boundaries of geospatial science and practice. Our collaboration with the OSGeo Japan Chapter and the establishment of a FOSS4G-specific division within our society demonstrates our ongoing commitment to the community and its principles.

We are enthusiastic about the collaborative and innovative opportunities that the FOSS4G conference in Hiroshima is set to cultivate. Bringing together local and international experts under a unifying theme will create an ideal environment for exchanging knowledge, tackling global challenges, and enhancing the application of open-source solutions in our domain.

We appreciate the selection of Hiroshima as a potential host city for FOSS4G 2025. Our organization is keen to promote participation among our members at the conference, aiming to contribute significantly to its success and to advocate for the broader adoption of open-source GIS technologies.

Best regards,



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To:

Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu

OSGeo Conference Committee Co-Chair

Subject: Support letter for FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima

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To: Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu
OSGeo Conference Committee Co-Chair

Subject: Support for Hosting FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima

Dear Msilikale Msilanga and Vasile Crăciunescu,

The Japan Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (JSPRS) is delighted to express its enthusiastic support for the bid to host the FOSS4G 2025 conference in Hiroshima. Hiroshima offers a unique convergence of cultural, technological, and historical richness making it an ideal setting for this prestigious event.

Founded in 1962, JSPRS has led in Japanese photogrammetry, expanding from aerial photogrammetry to include remote sensing and spatial information sciences. As Japan's primary society for photogrammetry and a pivotal contributor to ISPRS, JSPRS promotes academic and professional growth in these fields.

Hiroshima boasts modern conference facilities at the Hiroshima International Conference Center within the UNESCO Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park: this symbolic location and excellent amenities support discussions on geospatial technologies for global benefits. The city is well-equipped to host an international delegation, offering a comfortable and enriching experience.

Should Hiroshima be selected as the host city, JSPRS will actively promote the conference to our members and the broader scientific community. Our members look forward to engaging with the global community, sharing insights, and fostering collaborations.

We are excited about the possibility of bringing FOSS4G to Hiroshima and believe that the event will not only enhance the understanding and application of geospatial technologies but also align with the spirit of resilience and peace that Hiroshima embodies.

We look forward to the opportunity to welcome the geospatial community to Japan.

Sincerely,

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To: Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu
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Subject: Support for FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima

Dear Msilikale Msilanga and Vasile Crăciunescu,

The Japanese Agricultural System Society (JASS) is pleased to express its enthusiastic support for the candidacy of Hiroshima as the host city for the FOSS4G 2025 conference. In 1984, our organization was established as a group of researchers and practitioners who were motivated to challenge modern agricultural science, which is becoming increasingly fragmented and specialized, with an interdisciplinary and creative approach to problems that cannot be solved by individual sciences.

Hiroshima offers a unique blend of historical significance and modern resilience, making it an ideal location for fostering discussions on geospatial technologies and their applications for sustainable development and peace. Our society recognizes the important role that open-source geospatial tools play in the advancement of our field, for example through the analysis of spatio-temporal variability in agriculture.

Should Hiroshima be selected, the Japanese Society for Agricultural Systems is committed to actively participate and contribute to the FOSS4G 2025 conference. We plan to publicize this conference to our members and encourage them to submit research papers..

We believe that hosting FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima will not only enhance the visibility of open-source geospatial research in Asia but also globally. It will provide a platform for vital academic exchanges and foster collaborations that transcend geographical and disciplinary boundaries.

Thank you for considering Hiroshima for this prestigious event. We look forward to the possibility of welcoming the global FOSS4G community to Japan and contributing to a successful conference.

Sincerely,

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To: Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu
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Subject: Support letter for FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima

I am delighted to express our support for hosting FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima on behalf of Asia Air Survey. We are fully aware of the significant impact and contribution that open-source geospatial technology has made across various fields, including geography, urban planning, environmental science, data science, AI technology, and public services. These technologies have not only enhanced operational efficiency but have also fostered significant innovation and collaboration.

Hosting this event in Hiroshima will undoubtedly promote the adoption of these technologies and benefit a wider geospatial community. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to share our insights and learn from other industry professionals during the conference.

In conclusion, we express our gratitude for Hiroshima being selected as a candidate city to host FOSS4G 2025. We wholeheartedly support Hiroshima's bid to host FOSS4G 2025 and believe it will be an excellent conference for the geospatial community.

Yours sincerely,

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Koji Mizukami

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To: Msilikale Msilanga and Vasile Crăciunescu
OSGeo Conference Committee Co-Chairs

2024/5/1

Subject: Letter of support for FOSS4G 2025 LOC

Dear FOSS4G Selection Committee,

I am committed to promoting free and open geospatial technologies. Based on this intention, we are proud to fully support the efforts to bring FOSS4G 2025 to Hiroshima.

Hiroshima is one of Japan's historical, cultural, and technological centers, and we believe it is an excellent location to host FOSS4G. This event will be a valuable opportunity for professionals and academia interested in open-source technology for geographic information systems to exchange ideas and deepen knowledge sharing.

We are confident that FOSS4G, held in Hiroshima, will energize the local technical community and contribute to the development of geospatial technology. Furthermore, through collaboration with local industry and educational institutions, the event is expected to have a positive impact on the local economy. We are committed to providing appropriate support for FOSS4G 2025 to be held in Hiroshima. We will also actively provide ideas and proposals for making the most of the charm of the region.

We sincerely hope that we will be able to participate in this wonderful opportunity. Let's work together to make FOSS4G 2025 a success.

Sincerely,

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To: Msilikale Msilanga and Vasile Crăciunescu
OSGeo Conference Committee Co-Chairs

2024/04/01

Subject: Letter of support for FOSS4G 2025 LOC

Dear FOSS4G Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the bid to host the FOSS4G 2025 conference in Hiroshima, Japan. As CEO of Georepublic, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that open source geospatial software has had on our work, enabling us to tackle complex geographic challenges with flexibility, innovation, and community support.

Hiroshima is a city that symbolizes peace and resilience, with a rich history and a commitment to fostering international collaboration and understanding. Hosting FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima would not only provide a unique and meaningful backdrop for the conference but also underscore the global community's commitment to using geospatial technology as a tool for positive change.

The Japanese geospatial community is vibrant and growing, with a strong commitment to the principles of open source software. Hosting FOSS4G in Hiroshima would significantly enhance local and regional engagement with the global FOSS4G community, fostering new collaborations, knowledge exchange, and innovation.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support Hiroshima's bid to host FOSS4G 2025 and believe that the city's unique attributes, coupled with Japan's vibrant geospatial community, would make for an outstanding conference. I look forward to the opportunity of attending FOSS4G in Hiroshima and to witnessing the further growth of the open source geospatial movement.

Thank you for considering Hiroshima as the host city for FOSS4G 2025.

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2024/04/18

Subject: Letter of support for FOSS4G 2025 LOC

Dear FOSS4G Selection Committee,

I am honored to advocate for Hiroshima as the venue for the FOSS4G 2025 conference. As the CEO of Geolonia, I have observed the exceptional capabilities that open source geospatial tools provide. These technologies are crucial for our ability to manage intricate spatial problems with creativity and community-driven innovation.

At Geolonia, our dedication to the development and widespread use of Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) is deeply ingrained in our company's mission. We utilize these tools extensively in our operations, which enhances our efficiency and aligns with our commitment to promote these resources broadly. My residence in Hiroshima has also allowed me to appreciate the city's unique offerings as an ideal conference location, combining historical significance with modern infrastructure and a hospitable community.

We are actively engaged in the planning for FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima, with several of our team members contributing to the Local Organizing Committee. As a consistent sponsor of OSGeo.JP, we provide sustained support that helps nurture the growth of open source geospatial technologies. During the conference, we plan to present various activities and projects from our company that highlight the practical applications and innovations made possible by FOSS4G technologies, aiming to both inspire and inform the attendees.

Hosting FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima will surely foster an environment of knowledge sharing, networking, and innovation among the world's leading geospatial professionals. We appreciate your consideration of our endorsement for Hiroshima, and we are eager to assist in making this event extraordinarily successful.

Sincerely,



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**To: Msilikale Msilanga and Vasile Crăciunescu
OSGeo Conference Committee Co-Chairs**

It is with great enthusiasm that I express my unwavering support for Hiroshima's bid to host the FOSS4G 2025 conference. MIERUNE is a unique company in Japan that was born from and nurtured by the FOSS4G community. As the CEO of MIERUNE, I would like to express my gratitude to the FOSS4G community, as well as my strong support for holding FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima. We warmly welcome community members to visit Hiroshima. Hosting FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima would not only be a tremendous honor but also a testament to the city's resilience and its commitment to fostering peace and international collaboration.

Japan's geospatial technology landscape has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past decade, largely driven by the collaborative efforts of industry, government, and academia, centered around OSGeo.JP. As we tackle the challenges posed by an aging population, climate change, and natural disasters, we have accumulated a wealth of experience and knowledge in developing tools, data, and solutions. The unique social and environmental context of Japan has made these challenges particularly pronounced, and we believe that sharing our insights and experiences at FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima will provide valuable learning opportunities for the global community.

Furthermore, as engineers, we cannot ignore the profound impact that technology has on society. History offers us many lessons and hints on how to navigate this complex relationship. Hiroshima, a city that has endured unimaginable tragedy, continues to send a powerful message of peace to the world. By holding FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima, we invite the diverse members of the FOSS4G community to engage with this history firsthand and participate in meaningful dialogues about the role of technology in building a better future.

In a world grappling with conflict and the challenges of coexisting with AI, the lessons learned from Hiroshima's experience are more relevant than ever. I firmly believe that hosting FOSS4G 2025 in this city will provide invaluable insights and inspiration to the community and its participants.

Thank you for considering Hiroshima as the host city for FOSS4G 2025. We look forward to the opportunity to welcome the global FOSS4G community to this remarkable city and to contribute to the ongoing dialogue about the role of open source geospatial technology in creating a more peaceful and sustainable world.

Sincerely

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Subject: Letter of Support for FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima
From: GRASS GIS, an OSGeo Project, represented by its Project Steering Committee
To: Local Organizing Committee of FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima
May 10th, 2024

Dear Mr. Tamura and Mr. Iwasaki,

The GRASS GIS Project Steering Committee (PSC) is pleased to offer our support to the Local Organizing Committee of FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima. Building on our previous positive interactions with the OSGeo Japan Chapter and their demonstrated commitment to open-source development and the GRASS GIS project in particular, we look forward to promoting FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima through our mailing lists and website. Furthermore, at least one member of the project will participate as a member of the conference program committee. Additionally, we commit to sending at least one project developer to the conference Community Sprint if we have the financial means to do so.

Thank you for your commitment to the advancement of open-source geospatial technology. We look forward to working with you to make FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima a success.

Best regards,

GRASS GIS Project Steering Committee

Veronica Andreo (Chair)

Michael Barton

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Letter approved by a PSC motion on May 10, 2024.



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To: Msilikale Msilanga and Vasile Crăciunescu

OSGeo Conference Committee Co-Chairs

2024/04/20

Subject: Letter of support for FOSS4G 2025 LOC

Dear Mr. Crăciunescu and Mr. Msilanga,

The Open Culture Foundation and OpenStreetMap Taiwan community are pleased to express our support the bid to host the FOSS4G 2025 conference submitted by the OSGeo Japan Chapter. The Japanese OSGeo is a strong and vibrant community, which forms a hub of geospatial technologies in Asia. As an open data advisor of Open Culture Foundation and the first chairman of OSM Taiwan community board, I have frequently gotten touch with the friends in the FOSS4G and OSM Japan communities. With the many discussions and meetings, we have exchanged a lot of great innovative ideas for technical development in geospatial open sources.

The members of OSGeo and OSM Taiwan are also happy to this bid proposal and are confident that the Hiroshima City will offer the great atmosphere to ensure the success of the event. We understand and appreciate the value of the initiatives carried out by the OSGeo Japan community and are delighted to support the FOSS4G 2025 LOC application.

Sincerely,


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To: Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu
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Subject: Support for FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima Bid

Dear Msilikale Msilanga and Vasile Crăciunescu,

As the representative of the Open Source Conference (OSC), an organization dedicated to promoting open-source technologies across Japan, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the FOSS4G 2025 conference bid in Hiroshima.

The OSC has been a cornerstone in fostering open-source communities throughout Japan, from Hokkaido to Okinawa. Our events serve as a platform where open-source enthusiasts, including communities from OSGeo.JP, PostgreSQL, MySQL, and Python, convene to share knowledge and advance the open-source movement. Our collaboration with these communities underscores our commitment to nurturing a diverse and robust open-source ecosystem.

Hiroshima is not only a city of great historical significance but also a beacon of peace and resilience. Hosting FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima will not only spotlight the city's rich culture and history but also its commitment to embracing technological advancements and innovation. This aligns perfectly with the ethos of the FOSS4G community.

Should Hiroshima be honored as the host city, the OSC is committed to actively promoting the event nationwide. We plan to engage our extensive network to ensure a diverse and comprehensive representation at the conference. Additionally, we encourage communities participating in the OSC to contribute by presenting their insights and developments in open-source technologies through various presentations.

We believe that Hiroshima offers a unique combination of historical context and modern innovation, making it the ideal location for FOSS4G 2025. The OSC is excited about the potential opportunities this conference will offer to the global open-source community, and we are eager to contribute to its success.

We look forward to the possibility of welcoming the global FOSS4G community to Hiroshima and to a successful event that fosters growth and collaboration in the open-source geospatial realm.

Warm regards,

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Open Letter of Support to Hiroshima as host of global FOSS4G on 2025

To whom it may concern,

It is a pleasure to write this letter in support the Japan bid to host the global FOSS4G event for 2025. This open letter, on behalf of the FOSS4G-Asia community is to *show* our solidarity with the Japan team and explain why we believe that FOSS4G-2025 Hiroshima offers great opportunity to celebrate vibrant FOSS4G communities in Japan and Asia.

The Japanese FOSS4G community is one of the oldest and has been super active since the first 2004 FOSS4G conference held in Bangkok, Thailand. The community has successfully organized FOSS4G-Japan events since 2006 and also actively engaged with Asian communities in FOSS4G-Asia events. The Hiroshima team has already initiated meticulous planning for the FOSS4G-2025 event and garnered support from local, regional and international organizations in government, academia, and civil societies. FOSS4G-Japan has already completed two decades in fostering FOSS4G and its annual events attract global participation. The Japanese Team has excelled in every FOSS4G event that it has organized and did a great job, not only in *relation* to infrastructure and coordination, but also facilitating open dialog on leveraging FOSS4G for the benefit of all.

We believe that having the global FOSS4G in Hiroshima is a great opportunity to propel FOSS4G to greater heights in Asia and, also, strengthen the FOSS4G user and developer network by showcasing best practices, knowledge and rich experiences among global stakeholders. Further, FOSS4G-2025 in Hiroshima would bring much more focus on the use and development of FOSS4g in Asia.

On behalf of the FOSS4G-Asia community, I wish the Japanese team the very best for organizing a great FOSS4G event in 2025.

Best Regards,



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[1] <https://foss4g.asia/foss4g-history/>

[2] <https://foss4g.asia/2024/>

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To: Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu
OSGeo Conference Committee Co-Chair

Subject: Support for FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima Bid

Dear Msilikale Msilanga and Vasile Crăciunescu,

As a Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Japan PostgreSQL Users Group (JPUG), a nationally distributed open source software, we would like to express our enthusiastic support for the FOSS4G 2025 conference to be held in Hiroshima, Japan.

Since its establishment as a voluntary organization in 1996, the JPUG has played a role in promoting the use of the RDBMS in Japan by translating manuals into Japanese and disseminating information on its utilization. It holds annual events and serves as a bridge for engineers who are familiar with open source software to interact with each other.

PostgreSQL, with PostGIS as an example, supports the software that makes up the FOSS4G ecosystem, and we in the PostgreSQL user community are very pleased to see the growth of the FOSS4G community.

Hiroshima is a historically important city in Asia and a symbol of peace and resilience. Hosting FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima will not only highlight the city's rich culture and history, but will also contribute to lasting peace and technological advancement.

If Hiroshima is selected as the host city, the JPUG is committed to actively promoting this event throughout Japan. Utilizing our organizational network to ensure a diverse and inclusive representation at the conference, we intend to reach out to the relevant community at large and contribute to the success of this event.

Hiroshima is not only a city of great historical significance in Japan, but it is also conveniently located in terms of transportation accessibility within Japan.

We hope that organizations and communities in the surrounding area that are familiar with geospatial information will be further enlivened with the hosting of FOSS4G Global.

We look forward to the possibility of welcoming the global FOSS4G community to Hiroshima and to a successful event that will foster growth and collaboration in the open source geospatial domain.

Warm regards,



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To: Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu
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Subject: Support for FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima Bid

On behalf of the MySQL Community Team, I am pleased to extend our support to the FOSS4G 2025 conference planned for Hiroshima. This event aligns with our efforts to engage and grow our extensive user base in Japan.

Hiroshima is not only a city of peace and resilience but also a beacon of historical significance that exemplifies the power of recovery and unity. Hosting FOSS4G in such a symbolic location underscores the transformative potential of open-source geospatial technologies in promoting global cooperation and technological progress.

We are excited about the potential for collaborative development and innovation that a FOSS4G conference in Hiroshima can catalyze. The event offers a platform for our team to share insights, discuss challenges, and explore new directions in geospatial technology with both local and international experts.

We are committed to supporting the FOSS4G community and are excited about the opportunity to contribute to its success in Hiroshima. We believe this conference will be pivotal in advancing the use of open-source geospatial technologies, echoing Hiroshima's message of peace through technological innovation.

Thank you for considering this bid, and we look forward to the possibility of working together to make FOSS4G 2025 a landmark event.

Best regards,



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To: Msilikale Msilanga, Vasile Crăciunescu
OSGeo Conference Committee Co-Chair

Subject: Support for FOSS4G 2025 Hiroshima Bid

We, the OpenStreetMap Foundation Japan, wholeheartedly express our strong support for hosting FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima, Japan. As a friendly organization affiliated with the OSGeo Japan Chapter, we recognize the profound significance of this event and its impact on the global geospatial and open data community.

Our Belief: We firmly believe that FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima will provide a unique platform to showcase the power of open-source tools, foster innovation, promote the utilization of OpenStreetMap data, and strengthen international collaboration.

Themes and Impact: Hiroshima's commitment to sustainable development, urban planning, and disaster risk reduction aligns seamlessly with the core themes of FOSS4G and also OSM. Attendees will have the opportunity to witness firsthand how geospatial technologies contribute to building resilient communities and addressing environmental challenges.

Empowering OpenStreetMap Community: We are committed to creating a unique opportunity for the OpenStreetMap community to come together, collaborate, and share their experiences. OSM enthusiasts, mappers, and developers can engage in discussions about the latest advancements in open-source geospatial technologies. Workshops and sessions will focus on OSM data quality, mapping techniques, and community-driven projects. Additionally, the conference will foster connections between OSM contributors and geospatial technology specialists from different regions, encouraging knowledge exchange and cross-pollination of ideas. Ultimately, FOSS4G in Hiroshima strengthens the global OSM network and reinforces the spirit of community-driven mapping.

In summary, FOSS4G 2025 in Hiroshima offers a harmonious blend of historical significance, global collaboration, resilience, community engagement, and lasting impact. We eagerly anticipate welcoming participants to this remarkable city and creating an unforgettable conference experience.

Sincerely,

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