Korean Chapter Report

About the Chapter

The OSGeo Korean Language Chapter was formed as an unofficial chapter in Feb 2008 and became an official OSGeo Local Chapter in March 2009. The OSGeo Korean Language Chapter has 249 members.
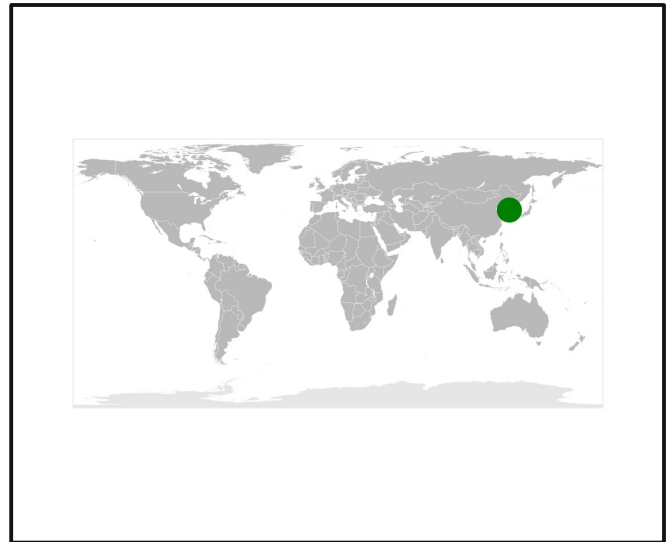
Key Accomplishments

Kyungtae Doh, one of Korean chapter member, started to develop a Node.js based map server.

Minpa Lee, one of Korean chapter member, released uDig plugin called GXT that greatly increased the analysis functions in uDig. http://www.onspatial.com/2013/01/gxt-toolbox-for-udig.html

The Korean chapter was also fully or partially involved in several open source related projects:

KOPSS(Korea Planning Support System) Open API Project funded by KRIHS(Korean Research Institute of Human Settlement).

"Open source software vs Private software: Understanding and Strategic Approach" funded by KRIHS(Korean Research Institute of Human Settlement).

"Research on Open Source Based GeoSpatial Technology Development Strategy" funded by KRIHS(Korean Research Institute of Human Settlement).

Online open source GIS education program project funded by NECGIS(National Education Center for GIS).

Outreach Activities Korean chapter conducted several outreach activities including lecture, seminar and exchange programs:

Outreach Lectures at LH Corp, KRIHS, KCSC(Korea Cadastral Survey Corp), GeoSpatial Asia Forum, MND(Ministry of National Defense), Gyungbook National University and others.

Exchange Program: Dispatched 2 delegates to Osaka, Japan to give keynote speech at FOSS4G 2012 Osaka.

Events

October 12, 2012: The second annual OSGeo Korean Language Chapter conference "FOSS4G Korea 2012" was held at COEX, in Seoul, South Korea. The keynote speakers were Paolo Cavallini, Taeyul Kim, and Kosuke Asahi. The event was highly successful with around 100 participants. The 3 keynote speeches and 8 presentations were followed by a Soju Party near Samsung Station!!

February 2012: Twice in February the 'Open Source GIS Winter School' was held in cooperation with KSIS(Korean Spatial Information Society). Although it was a paid training program, it attracted many more people than the chapter expected.

August 2012: The 'Open Source GIS Education Program' was funded by MLTM (Ministry of Land, Transportation and Maritime Affairs). It was 5 full days of training covering general open source GIS, QGIS, PostGIS, GeoServer and OpenLayers.
February and August, 2012 : Regular chapter meetings were held in Seoul. These meetings were followed by Open Source GIS schools held in Ewha Womans University. This was supported by Ministry of Land, Transport and Marine Affairs.Our members shared knowledge and experiences around open source GIS at the regular meetings. Chapter members also discussed the future activities of OSGeo Korean Language Chapter.

Project Support

The Chapter carried out several localization and translation efforts. These included translating the QGIS menus, messages and manual into Korean. You can download a PDF version of QGIS Korean manual here: http://www.qgis.org/en/documentation/manuals.html.

A hardcopy of QGIS Korean manual was also published.

The Chapter started to translate PostGIS, GeoServer and OpenLayers materials into Korean.

Opportunities to Help

The Chapter is looking for speakers for FOSS4G Korea 2013. Please contact them if you are interested. The Chapter also wants to host more open source GIS related events in Korea or in the Asia region.

Outlook for 2013

The Chapter may see a very prosperous year in 2013. As awareness of open source GIS has increased rapidly in Korea, many organizations became aware of the importance of open source GIS software and desire to cooperate with the Chapter.

The Chapter will explore the possibility of hosing FOSS4G 2015 in Korea with other GIS related society like KSIS(Korean Spatial Information Society).