

Sambutan pada AOSS 2007
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His Excellency Minister of State for Research and Technology of RI,
His Excellency Minister of Communication and Informatics of RI,
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Economy, Trade and Industry, Gov. of Japan (Mr. Katsuhiko Kaji),
Honorary the Executive Director of Center of the International Cooperation for
Computerization (CICC) – Japan (Mr. Akyo Kanaya),
The University Rectors,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Ass.
Selamat Pagi,
Good Morning.

First of all I would like to welcome you all to Denpasar, Bali. It my great honor for me to be here, to join you in the opening ceremony of the 8th Asia Open Source Software Symposium. There are five events related to the symposium as CodeFest that has been done in ITB Bandung, Localization workshop, OSS Awareness, Exhibition, and Symposium which will be done in Denpasar Bali. This symposium is very important for us, because though this way we can accelerate our international collaboration in the area of OSS, on the other hand it will accelerate the utilization of OSS and software development capacity in Indonesia.

Ladies and gentlemen,
As a result of organizer discussion, we conclude that this event is especially plan as media exchange information related to OSS among the economies member around Asia. It can be defined as two sub team as to close the digital gap and the economic impact of OSS. We think that the second sub team is an important issue to be done in order to accelerate the utilization of OSS to the ral life of the community. It could be understood because the community can not only depend on the technology without support from the sustainable professional. Therefore we should develop an industry and business configuration of OSS.

Ladies and gentlemen,
For your information that ITB as a university has put a special intention to OSS. It can be seen by some OSS related activities within our campus. They also develop some software base on OSS platform. These activities are still not structurally organized. Therefore started from the end of 2006 ITB has developed a special team called as Technology Team and OSS Utilizing Center. These effort is related to the ITB decision to be independent in ICT by mean of be legal in utilizing software. Beside that we also develop the OSS network among some universities in Indonesia. We hope it will accelerate the

utilization of OSS for some universities in Indonesia. ITB itself has stated that ICT is one of among five research focuses, then we are not only seriously develop OSS and related business, but we also make some collaboration with some institution or agency which working into research and development and industry included proprietary software company, because we want to be legal.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I understood that we need your full active participation during these three days of our symposium, because at the end of this event we hope we can make an important conclusion to be done for the community and our technological competence in software development. The complementary between copy-right which is represented proprietary software and copy-left which is represent by OSS in an important issue. Though OSS we could develop a new software, because it source code can be accessed and develop or modify. It is impossible to be done in the area of proprietary software.

Our honorary guests from Asia countries, your presence are valuable to us, because some reasons. Firstly, we can share our information on ICT, secondly, to our cooperation for mutual benefit, thirdly, to inspire the utilization of OSS in Indonesia. I believe that through our cooperation the huge problems related to OSS socialization and support could be solved for the benefit of our community

As closing of my speech allow me to thank to the Center of International Cooperation for Computerization (CICC) of Japan, Ministry of Research and Technology of RI, Ministry of Communication and Informatics of RI, Ministry of Industry of RI, the members of AOSS economies, and all companies, agencies, universities for their support to the ASIA OSS Symposium.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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