

**Opening Address of**  
**The 8<sup>th</sup> Asia Open Source Software Symposium Bali, Indonesia**  
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7. Mr. Geoff Zeiss, Director of Technology AUTODESK, Inc.

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Selamat Pagi Ibu dan Bapak, Good Morning.

My name is Akio KANAYA, Executive Director of the Center of the International Cooperation  
for Computerization, CICC, Japan.

It is my great honor to welcome the representatives from 21 Asian economies to the 8<sup>th</sup> Asia  
Open Source Software Symposium, here in the beautiful resort, BALI, Indonesia.

Firstly, taking this opportunity, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to ITB  
(Institute Technology Bandung) for co-organizing this symposium.

Also, let me express my sincere thanks to COMINFO, RISTEK, and PII, for their support in  
organizing this symposium.

CICC started the first Asia OSS symposium in Phuket, Thailand, in March 2003 and now this is the eighth event. Through those continuous symposia, we have achieved many fruitful results and networks. Once again, I would like to thank all the people who have devoted to make the symposia meaningful and successful with their strong passion for promoting OSS in the Asian region.

Our main purposes for the past seven symposia have been; "Awareness and promotion of OSS", "Mutual understanding among individuals and organizations of OSS promoters", and "Establishing relationships" among Asian economies.

Needless to say, the importance of OSS is widely recognized throughout various sectors. Take governments for example, they are able to take advantage in promoting the IT industry through training engineers, improving procurement status, or pirates control of software. Private IT enterprises, on the other hand, are able to hold business software or training engineers since OSS is widely used in commercial business and embedded areas. Not to mention, cost-performance is the common merit for us all that we should keep in mind. Given those various advantages, Asia OSS Symposia have gathered OSS promoters to create the community that would make contributions in mutual understanding.

In Malaysia, where we had the last symposium, the Open Source Competency Centre (OSCC) had been commenced in January 2003, by the Malaysian Administrative Modernization and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU). This is just one example to introduce their efforts in Malaysia; there have been a number of OSS-related achievements among Asian economies – Vietnam or Thailand, where the symposia have been successfully held. CICC has been honored to be a part of those accomplishments.

Now, there is a new phase waiting ahead of us. Since OSS recognition, significance, and specific promotion have been achieved on some level through our continuous works, we believe that the time has come to give further impetus to accelerate the introduction and usage of OSS in our Asian region. We now have to take the concrete actions and proceed together to the next stage.

Then, what do we need for the further OSS promotion? The key would be here with us today. Significantly, it is very important for all of us to consider "Economic Effect of OSS" on our economies and the policies as well as the merit for the IT industries themselves. That would lead us to the further utilization and expansion of OSS concretely and practically in every sector.

The Symposium that we are convening today rests on this intention. This is one of the

reasons that the main theme of this symposium is “Economic Impact” along with “Digital Divide”. As you all know, “Eco-System” has become a hot topic recently, referring to “ecology”. Nevertheless, we would like to add one more intention to “Eco” by containing “Economic Impact” in order to proceed to the next step – the stage of the concrete usage and development of OSS.

I sincerely hope that this symposium will be able to offer you all some constructive perspectives and turning points in your activities.

Taking this opportunity in conclusion, I would like to mention that our activity at CICC will continuously attach a high value to Human Resource Development. We believe it is indispensable to raise outstanding talent in the OSS field in order to introduce and apply OSS smoothly and effectively in every sector of society. So, now, CICC Singapore Office actively conducts the “OSS Master Trainer’s Workshops” and support “Essential Training Courses” in various countries. We would like to reflect the concept of ecosystem to these activities. The detail of these activities will be introduced later in this symposium. Throughout these CICC activities, we would like to contribute to establish the OSS Ecosystem in the Asian region.

Finally, allow me to close this opening speech by wishing that this Asia OSS Symposium will be fruitful for everyone on this floor and that this will serve as a good opportunity to gain valuable hints for future developments and actions. And I also hope you all will enjoy this beautiful and historical resort, Bali.

Thank you very much for your attention.