

BALI DECLARATION

The 8th AOSS Symposium, Denpasar, 13-15 February 2007

We, the participants of the 8th AOSS Symposium of 13-15 February 2007 at Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia, having *listened to the presentations, discussed, and deliberated* on the issues being addressed in the symposium, namely *open source software usage and support, economic impact of open source software, and open source software human resources development and technologies*, and remembering issues, deliberations, and results of previous AOSS symposia, concur to express our views on the development, delivery, and use of open source software in the AOSS member economies, as enumerated below:

- (1) *observe* that, while there are differences in the degree the Open Source Software (OSS) play role in computing and related activities of each of the member economies, *OSS-based computing and other ICT related activities* are emerging and growing in all of the member economies;
- (2) *acknowledge* the participation of IT industry partners in our effort to promote wider use of OSS, and initiative undertaken by the CICC in establishing AOSS training program;
- (3) *appreciate and reinforce* the role of local community in coming up with their own OSS training programs;
- (4) *recognize* that *OSS-based computing and other ICT related activities* provide the people of the AOSS member economies with wider opportunity to undertake computing and other ICT related activities without being stringently hampered by the inability to pay the costs for using commercial proprietary softwares or otherwise infringing internationally recognized IPR in the use of such software, thereby facilitates the processes for bridging the digital divide;
- (5) *recognize* the importance of standardization and indicators for OSS adoption;
- (6) *realize* that in the course of undertaking efforts to make *OSS-based computing and other related ICT activities* economically and socially effective, there is need for government, industry, educational institutions, and the civil society at large to joint hand-in-hand in a concerted effort to establish the required institutional infrastructure and instrumentalities for the proper functioning of OSS in computing and other ICT-related activities;
- (7) *consider* it essential that governments of each of the AOSS member economies, to take a more affirmative role in promoting the development, delivery and use of OSS in the economy's need for computing support and other ICT-related activities;
- (8) *agree* that the spirit of the AOSS initiatives in promoting and facilitating the development, delivery and use of OSS in AOSS member economies need to be enhanced, strengthened, and sustained.

In view of the above we, the participants of the 8th AOSS Symposium, consider it necessary that we should become active agents in promoting innovations in the development, delivery, use, and human resource development of OSS and to develop, establish, and operationalized connectivity structures, involving civil society, academia, industry and governments to facilitate the said purpose. The wider implementation of OSS in various economies can depend on factors like e-Government projects. In addition, we recommend that studies on the economic impact of OSS be carried out individually as well as collaboratively by AOSS member economies, and that issue be taken up as future agenda.

Denpasar, 15 February 2007

List of economies member :

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| 1. Bangladesh | 11. Malaysia |
| 2. Brunei | 12. Mongolia |
| 3. Cambodia | 13. Myanmar |
| 4. China | 14. Nepal |
| 5. China Hongkong | 15. Pakistan |
| 6. Chinese Taipei | 16. Philippines |
| 7. India | 17. Singapore |
| 8. Indonesia | 18. Srilanka |
| 9. Japan | 19. Thailand |
| 10. Korea | 20. Vietnam |