

GNOME.Asia Summit 2017 Report

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OVERVIEW

The GNOME.Asia Summit 2017 is hold on October 14th and 15th 2017 in Chongqing, China. The conference provides 42 talks from 14 countries. 101 volunteers service for this summit and relative activities. 25 open source communities getting together, including university communities and open source software communities. Nearly 750 attendees coming in the first day, and 300 attendees coming in the second day, our summit had been strongly influenced by the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, because the date of our summit is too close to it. The government asked us to cancel this summit or limit the attendees less than 400. We choosed to limit the attendees number on Oct 15th .

FINANCE OVERVIEW

Including GNOME Foundation had supported a special sponsor for students. Chongqing University had paid for the venue rent. The GNOME.Asia Summit 2017 totally got income of RMB 154, 801, expense of RMB 155,486, but sponsor Wecan Tech Co. Ltd., promised to pay the deficit.

1*Diamond sponsor,

1*Gold sponsor,

4*Silver sponsor,

1*ticket service sponsor,

1* wine&Catering sponsor.

Income (RMB)	Sponsor	Expense (RMB)	Category	Remark
¥ 11,209	GNOME Foundation	¥ 11,400	Students support	Train and hotel
¥ 29,000	Chongqing University	¥ 29,000	Venue Rent	halls
¥ 30,000	Luzhou Laojiao	¥ 3,600	Devices&Network rent	Chairs & booth tables
¥ 50,000	NEO	¥ 19,500	Speakers support	Flight and hotel
¥ 10,000	Huawei	¥ 5,640	Welcome Dinner	Oct 13 th
¥ 5,000	Microsoft	¥ 32,250	Cruise Dinner	Oct 15 th
¥ 5,000	Zhongbiao	¥ 8,340	T-shirts	
¥ 5,000	Wannianli	¥ 7,300	Volunteers's expense	Traffic & meals & accommodation
¥ 5,000	Seafire	¥ 6,680	One-day tour	Oct 16 th
¥ 3,000	Individual sponsor	¥ 4,526	Postage&Print	Logistics & Express fee
¥ 5,136	Tickets donation	¥ 3,800	Traffic fee	Bus for speakers and pick-up
		¥ 21,850	Marketing Materials	Use for hall decoration and marketing, handbooks, bags included
		¥ 1,600	Maintenance fee & others	One of Acer booth's notebooks has been broken by our volunteers
Total		Total		
###	No tax on the sponsor from Foundation and University, 3% tax on other sponsors	¥ 155,486	total deficit RMB -64	Sponsor "WeCan Tech Co. Ltd.," will pay for the deficit

EVENT RECORD

This was the first time that GNOME Asia, an international open source conference, arrived at Chongqing, a mega city in the middle west of China. Moreover, both GNOME and the Chongqing province-level municipality

were on celebration of their 20 years anniversary. GNOME.Asia specifically, was also celebrating its 10 years anniversary during this very event, making this conference truly significant and unforgettable.

As one of the most anticipated open source event of the year, GNOME.Asia 2017 had certainly brought us many oohs and aahs. Now over two months have passed yet there still echoes in the memory of many of us the countless great moments; The honored guests, the excellent talks, the beautiful scenery of the mountain city and the local food and most of all , the hospitality of the hosts, have all made this event so unique and cheering. This great event was also aired online and has by now been viewed by tens of thousands! So now, how about a replay on this fabulous event? Let us rewind the tape and play the show again!



(President and GNOME Board of Directors, Nuritzi Sanchez)



(Neil, ED of GNOME Foundation)

Day one - a spectacular opening and many wonderful talks:

In the main hall, the opening ceremony started with a stunning performance of a Sichuan Face-changing show which was truly an eye-opener. I have personally seen many conference openings, but spitting fire? Really? How could anyone expect an opening and greeting like this? It had truly ignited the crowd and awakened the passion for open-source in the heart of every participant.



On the huge screen, a fine collection of video clips was projected, showcasing the days leading to Gnome. Asia 2017 and paying gratitude to our volunteers who have spared no effort to make this wonderful event possible.



(Sichuan Face-changing show)

After the spectacular opening Show, day one of the conference then showered us with wonderful talks and fantastic ideas, leading with the inspirational story from Nuritzi Sanchez - the president of GNOME board of director. With the speech titled " You are the future of GNOME ", Nuritzi talked about how she had been introduced into the GNOME community and started her wonderful journey as a an open source contributor and advocator; She encouraged our Chinese community to participate more in open source and to experience the joy and happiness that open source would offer.



Numerous other eminent guests then shared us with their latest researches, projects and ideas. Among them were Lin Peng tao - core member of NEO, who gave a talk on block-chain and related open source projects; Sriram Ramkrishana- organizer and contributor of Libre apps summit, who talked about how to build a real application market for open- source; Liang Chenye - member of ISULA OS community from HUAWEI, whose topic was "Build, Ship and Run"; and Matthias Clasen, who explained Flatpak in detail. There were many other talks presented in multiple conference halls and it must be a pity for many of us that we could not replicate ourselves and join all these talks.



Day one of the conference was concluded with a free discussion on open source, held by Emily Chen - Founder of GNOME.Asia and a Microsoft product manager. In the discussion our guests shared their view of the past years of open source achievements in China and surely those talks were enlightening.

But was it all for day one? Hell no! Lightning talks did happen! and sorry, I was at the booth outside the conference hall at the moment! Yes I am talking about the open source market.

An eye-catching open source market:

In the open source market many open source communities sent their representatives to hold some nice and cool booths! We could find representatives from Fedora, openSUSE, Ubuntu, Arch, Deepin, ezgo and domestic communities like TUNA, USTC LUG. And on their booth tables there were many cool items - GNOME stickers, linux distribution DVDs,, and many other souvenirs. And of course, the booth holders presented us with open source software, Linux distributions and even some gaming gears! Numerous companies, such as NEO, Endless,

Microsoft and HUAWEI, also participated in the market and provided their gifts and souvenirs.



(President and GNOME Board of Directors, Nuritzi is talking with attendees)



Attendees in the open market



Merchandise designed by the Summit committee.

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GNOME.ASIA SUMMIT 2017 OPEN SOURCE AWAKENS



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How about a hot-pot event at dinner time?

Our foreign guests were also invited to a hot-pot dinner event. Guess what? Everyone was taking the chance to try things that are not so common outside China. The special local Chongqing hot-pot had surely impressed our guests, in one way or another ... -:)

Day two - more wonderful talks and many more:

On the second day, we enjoyed the great talks from presenters whom everybody longed to see. That is right, I am talking about Cai Deming - Vbird, the author of a very famous Linux tutorial book that has influenced countless; I am talking about Hermet Park, that Korean idol of the girls; And I am also talking about many more eminent guests who have received too much praise and admiration.



(A brilliant presentation in the secondary conference hall)



(Vbird from Taiwan)

Alright, you must be wondering who were in that list of the eminent guests? Why not checking that menu for yourself! It looks very delicious right? It does to me at least!

GNOME.Asia 2017 Main Courses

Cosimo Cecchi - vice president of Endless

Cai Deming - the Author of the famous tutorial book of Linux <<vbirds Linux tutorial>>.

Emily Chen - Founder of GNOME.Asia and a Microsoft product manager,

Hermet Park - Senior software engineer from Samsung

Nuritzi Sanchez - President and GNOME Board of Directors,

Lin Pengtao - core member of NEO,

Liang Chenye - member of ISULA OS community from HUAWEI

Wang Wenrui - director of NW.js

Lennart Poettering - director of systemd

Neil McGovern - leader of Public Interest and Debian

Qiyu - founder of purecpp

Sriram Ramkrishna - organizer and contributor of Libre apps summit

Zhao Xinlei- chief adviser of Alibaba Technology Association

... and many more

The tea breaks were also fantastic:

In the afternoon of the second day, our conference holder provided us with wonderful tea breaks. There were so much deserts and snacks, also patisserie. Just look at the pictures! Too bad the pictures do not taste like desserts and snacks. And I miss those snacks!





Lightening talks full of surprises:

Now let us talk about the lightening talks, was it even good? Well, It was, damn good! With a series of 5-minute long lightening talks the GONME Asia conference was pushed to its climax and the audience indulged themselves in the cheering atmosphere of this concluding part of the conference. After that, well, people got so excited that they took some pictures, and some more pictures!



A cruise party to celebrate a GNOME birthday:

Two days exciting conference events ended. But the party had just begun. In the evening of October 15th, 2017, the cruise party held for the 20th birthday of GNOME was an absolute amazement. The intoxicating night scene of Chongqing and the cheering celebration on the cruiser made the party a truly wonderful event, which would never be possible were it not for the generous sponsorship of “Lu Zhou Lao Jiao”. Haha, the sponsor must be quite happy if they are reading this now.





The night scene of Chongqing seen from the cruiser



The replay of the show has to come to and end here, but never shall our open source journey. Gratitude to all of our honored guests, presenters, volunteers and sponsors for their genuine support of GNOME.Asia 2017! Let us look forward to an equally cheerful GNOME summit next year!

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