

# Local Community for Debian

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# Foreign events

- First trip to Taiwan
- Tripped to...
  - Spain : DebConf9
  - U.S. (NYC): DebConf10
  - Bosnia : DebConf11
  - Nicaragua : DebConf12
  - Swiss : DebConf13
  - Taiwan : MiniDebConf (this one!)



# About me

- Hideki Yamane / やまねひでき  
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  - From Japan, Saitama (near Tokyo)
  - Debian Developer  
See <http://wiki.debian.org/HidekiYamane>
  - Also Ubuntu Japanese LoCo member
- I'm not skilled/technical person
  - So this session focuses on non-tech issue



# Today's Agenda



- Term: Global / Local community
- Introduction “Local Community in Japan”
- Issue: Integrate local activity to Global



# Debian

- Universal operating system



- “community” distribution

debian



# What's Community?

- Many people: Developers, Translators, Designers, users...
- Internet
  - debian.org: web, mailing list, irc
    - develop, translate, discuss...
- DebConf
  - Annual event
  - Around the world...



# Debian Community

- Its activity&community is “global”
- but also supported by “Local” Debian Community.



# What's Local Community?

- defenition from Ubuntu

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# Local Community (e.g.)

- Debian France (<http://france.debian.net/>)
  - founded in 2006
    - <http://france.debian.net/a-propos/>
- Debian Swiss (<http://debian.ch>)
  - founded in November 2006
- Debian JP Project (<http://www.debian.or.jp/>)
  - founded in 1996. 8.29
    - <http://www.debian.or.jp/community/events/2002/0919-lc2002/JP-Enkai-History.html>
- Note: Probably not only those but just examples as formalized one



# Why Local Community?

- Sometimes do well than one global community
  - Promotion: new user, new contributor
    - local media (web, magazine, etc...)
    - Regional event/meeting
    - Merchandise
  - language barrier
    - Help users
  - High flexibility

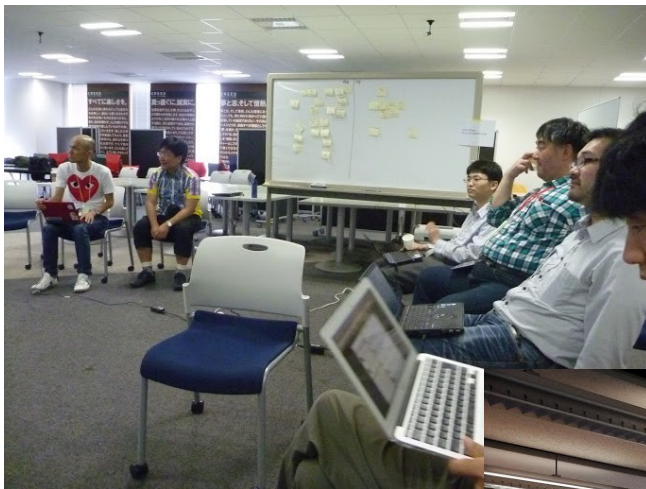
# Promotion

- e.g. magazine



# Promotion

- meeting





# Language Barrier

- (broken) English is common language in Global community
- However, sometimes it's tough for non-English native people to express their feelings and ideas, discuss their opinions (...at least for me ;-)
  - we cannot force regional people to use English
- It's natural way to use our mother tongue (so l10n/translation is important!)



# High flexibility

- language barrier + large organization  
= slow action
- change something is high cost:  
difficult to do just “try & fix”



# Japanese Local Community

- Debian JP Project
  - overview
  - member
  - Activity
    - Website
    - Mailing list
    - Twitter
    - Mirror server
    - Event
    - BTS/repository





# Debian JP Project: overview

- Debian JP Project
  - not official NPO (yet)
  - Established 1996
    - Staff: 3<sup>rd</sup> gen





# Debian JP Project: Member

- Numver: Around 50?
- Active = only several
  - some of their job become hard
  - some of them are busy to play with their children :-)
  - some of them just lack interest and find a joy with something different...



# Debian JP Project: website

- <http://www.debian.or.jp>
  - Template Toolkit and bloxsom by @kmuto
  - Subversion (around 1500 commits)
    - Almost 98% by me ;-)



# Debian JP Project: mailing list

- debian-users / -docs / -www / -devel / -announce @ lists.debian.or.jp
  - Not “anyone can post”: low spam
  - Low traffic
    - Mail centric → web
    - Many floss/developer communities nowadays
- Fml4
  - old perl based mailing list program
  - Migrate to Mailman? / fml8?



# Debian JP Project: Twitter

- DebianJP広報局 (@debianjp)
  - Around 800-900 followers  
(vs @debian: 58000 followers)
  - 1500-1600 tweets (99% by me ;-)
    - Some of JP members claimed “it should be able to post from any JP members” but I don't agree with that. As social media, there should be “Person” behind the account, I believe.
  - Tweet something around Debian and more...



# Debian JP Project: mirror server

- [ftp.jp.debian.org](http://ftp.jp.debian.org), powered by CDN service by @ar1 (see github)
  - WIDE Project / 地球流体電脳倶楽部 / 北陸先端科学技術大学院大学 / さくらインターネット / OYU-NET.JP
  - We run [debian-mirror.sakura.ne.jp](http://debian-mirror.sakura.ne.jp) (thanks to さくらインターネット)



# Debian JP Project: event

- meeting/event booth
  - Almost once a month
  - See  
<http://www.debian.or.jp/community/events/>
- Meeting is important to mentor new developers



# Mentoring

- Tokyo/Kansai Debian meeting
  - Started by dancer (Junichi Uekawa, pbuilder/cowbuilder author)
  - new DDs , DMs and translation members/package maintainers
    - e.g. me :-)





# Debian JP Project: BTS / Repository

- We ran own BTS and repository since 1999
- Stop using own infra, merge result to .org



# Local Activity in Global

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- Q: Other regional people know activity in Japan/Taiwan/etc?
  - A: Probably “No”
  - Maybe little bit tough to show it
    - Language barrier
    - How's Planet Debian?  
<http://planet.debian.org>



# Kaizen Idea

- Role model: Ubuntu LoCo
  - use common issue tracker
    - [launchpad.net](http://launchpad.net)
    - [bugs.debian.org](http://bugs.debian.org)
  - Idea: use "LoCo" usertags in BTS
    - Discuss in non-English, then summarize in English
    - Easy to post
    - Easy to track issue (centralized)
    - Easy to see activity



# Kaizen Idea

- Role model: Ubuntu LoCo
  - Certify Official LoCo
  - Annual activity check
  - Navigate to each regional community
    - See <http://loco.ubuntu.com/>



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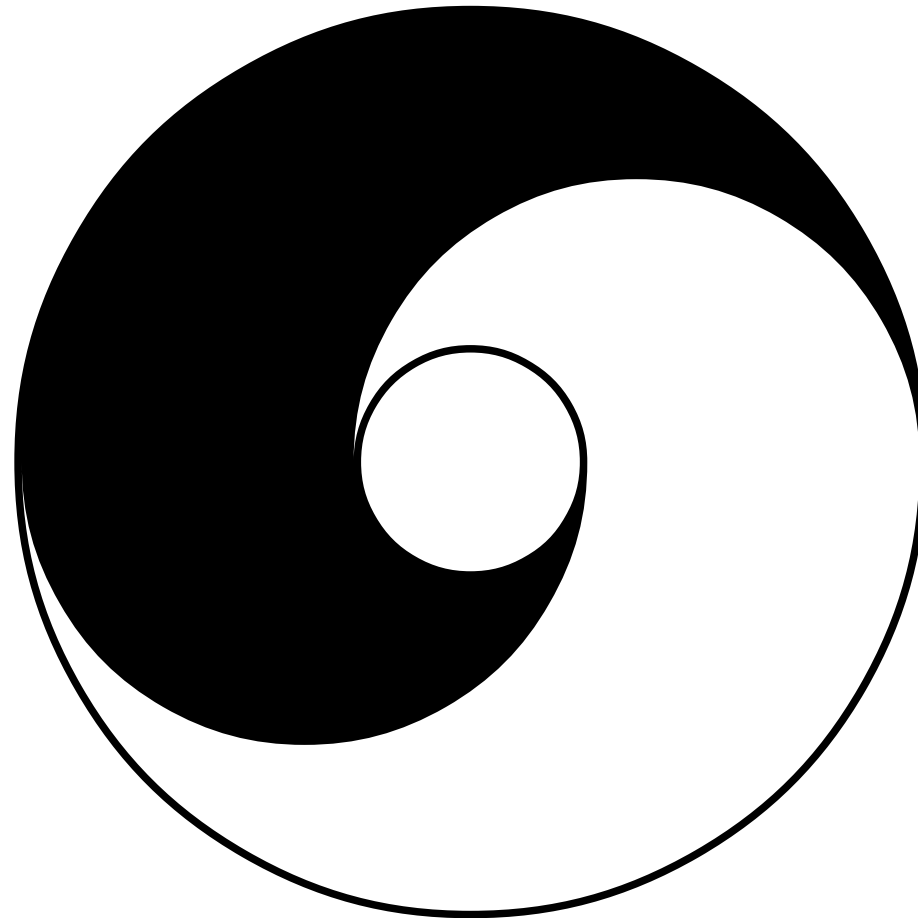
- DebConf
  - LoCo session?
- More miniDebConf in Asia
  - DebConf is only held in Europe/America
  - More “Asian power” to Debian!
  - Taiwan / Thai / India / Japan (plan)



# Kaizen Idea

- Push More talented regional people to Global community
  - Mentoring
  - Help to communicate in ML
  - Get local sponsors for travel sponsorship to go DebConf! :-)

# Global & Local



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