

## FOSS4G-Asia 2019 Seoul Team Answers

Dear FOSS4G-Asia selection committee,

Here are the answers to your questions regarding hosting FOSS4G-Asia 2019 in Seoul.

1. How much is the expected cost for the venue (rental cost, eventually additional expenses like insurance, security, etc.)?

Answer: Here is the rates of the venue:

Type	Rate (USD)
Auditorium Rate/Day	600
Lecture Room Rate/Day	300
Code Sprint Room Rate/Day	380

The event would be hosted on at ECC campus, therefore the university already provides solid security and insurance.

2. Very often the number of local attendants is a lot higher than international visitors. How many attendants from your country do you expect (worst case and optimistic estimation)?

Answer: At first, below is the No. of participation scenario from worst to best. And we expect 65% of participants will be Korean.

Participation Type	No. of Participants (Est.)		
	Worst	Practical	Best
Students, Low Income Economies	50	70	80
General	100	130	170
Total No. Participants	150	200	250
Korean (65% of Total participants)	98	130	163

3. How much would be the maximum number of attendants you could manage? Is there a minimum number of attendants, when the event would cause financial problems?

Answer: Due to the size of auditorium, we believe maximum number of attendants will be 250. Based on our financial simulation, less than 100 attendants could cause financial problems. In that case, we can reduce cost by not providing lunch & gala dinner. One of strength point of our proposal is that we have already had solid sponsorship from several institutions.

4. Do you have a rough proposal for conference admission (ie. Ticket types and costs, handling of free tickets, cost for gala dinner, etc.)? If costs are unknown yet (which is probably the case), what costs do you aim for.

Answer: We propose 2 types of registration fee, USD50 for reduced price(students and low-income economies attendants) and USD100 for general attendants. We have a plan to provide free tickets to volunteers and sponsors. We believe USD50 and USD100 are very reasonable price to ensure the real participation.

Here are the estimated costs for meals of lunch and gala dinner

Meals	Rates (USD)
Lunch	6
Gal Dinner	50

5. Do you see difficulties with receiving Visa documents for foreign visitors?

Answer: Attendants from some countries will need to get a Visa to visit to Korea. LOC will issue official invitation letter for those attendants to facilitate them to get a Visa to come to Korea. This was the way how Seoul team did at International FOSS4G Seoul 2015.

6. Does your venue and workshop facilities provide good access to internet, especially for foreigners, that cannot use mobile internet?

Answer: Any attendants can enjoy free high-speed wireless internet at the Venue.

7. Your proposal has 2 "core" days for presentations. FOSS4G Europe for example usually has 3 presentation days. For an international conference, where international visitors usually spend significant time traveling, a longer event with a larger presentation program may be more attractive. It will also allow to accept more talk submissions and thus more participation. Have you considered an additional day for presentations? Would it be possible?

Answer: If there's huge participation, we can have additional conference day. Since we'll host FOSS4G-Asia conference during winter school holidays and rooms will be more available, it's somewhat flexible to have additional conference day. If we add one more conference day, it will incur additional USD2,700. However, that cost can be covered by profit and additional registration fee, we believe.

8. How many delegates from your local community participated in the last FOSS4G-Asia 2017 event?

Answer: FOSS4G-Asia 2017 was exactly overlapped with Korea's largest traditional holidays called Seolnal(lunar new year holiday). So only 2~3 Koreans attended FOSS4G-Asia 2017. However more than 10 delegates attended FOSS4G-Asia 2014 Bangkok. Koreans have shown high presence at the international open source GIS conferences in Asia, Europe, NA and global one so far.

9. Have you already contacted some local chapters in Asia to garner their support for the event?

Answer: Not yet. However if Seoul is selected as hosting city, we'll start to contact Asia local chapters immediately.

10. Are you planning a special price for students and participants for low-income countries?

Answer: Absolutely. We'll provide reduced price tickets for students and attendants for low-income economies at USD50.

11. In your proposal the main conference days are only weekdays. Do you think this will affect participation of local community members, that cannot get their employer's permission to attend the conference.

Answer: We, Koreans, usually don't have conferences during the weekend. Koreans prefer to have a conference in weekdays.

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