

## FOSS4G-Asia 2018 Letter of Intent for Seoul, South Korea

Dear FOSS4G-Asia selection committee,

[Korea Spatial Information Society\(KSIS\)](#) and [OSGeo Korean Chapter](#) are pleased to submit this proposal to host FOSS4G-Asia 2018 conference at the [Ewha Womans University](#) in Seoul, South Korea.

### Organizers

**Korea Spatial Information Society(KSIS):** KSIS is one of the biggest and the most prominent academic societies in Korea in the field of geospatial with members of professors, researchers, professionals, government officials, and students. KSIS publishes its own top notch journal, *Spatial Information Research*, and hosts conferences regularly. KSIS was a co-organizers of international FOSS4G Seoul 2015.

**OSGeo Korean Chapter:** OSGeo Korean Chapter was established in 2008 to promote open source GIS solutions and open geo data for Korean speaking people. OSGeo Korean Chapter has hosted local FOSS4G Korea successfully since 2011 and co-hosted international FOSS4G Seoul 2015.

### LOC members

Currently we have 2 co-chairs and 5 other LOC members. We will invite more passionate members to LOC after being selected as host city. LOC members are as follows:

- Youngok Kang(Conference Chair): Professor of Ewha Womans University, Vice President of KSIS
- Sanghee Shin(Co-chair): President of Gaia3D, Board Member of OSGeo
- Minpa Lee: OSGeo Charter Member, Chief Programmer of Mango System
- BJ Jang: OSGeo Charter Member, Director of Open Source GIS Team at Gaia3D
- Ki-Joune Li: Professor of Pusan National University. Emeritus President of KSIS
- Haekyoung Kang: Project Director of OpenGDS, Senior Researcher at KRIHS
- Kyu-sung Choi: President of EZMapping
- Jeff McKenna: Emeritus President of OSGeo

### Venue

The proposed venue for FOSS4G-Asia 2018 is [Ewha Campus Complex\(ECC\)](#) at Ewha Womans University in Seoul. Ewha Womans University was Korea's first high-level educational institute for women and has served for more than 130 years. The venue just 5~10 minutes away from exits # 2 & 3 of Ewha Womans University Station (Subway Line 2). The recently completed ECC (Ewha Campus Complex; Basement level 6 – 1st Floor) is Korea's largest underground campus. The lower levels contain a library, bookstore, gym, movie theater, cafes, and other cultural facilities, while on the first level visitors can find lecture rooms and an eco-park.

### Dates

We have a plan to host FOSS4G-Asia 2018 from 18<sup>th</sup> ~21<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2018. Detailed conference schedule is like below and LOC got the confirmation that rooms and auditorium are available at the venue during the event.

- 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2018: Technical Workshops
- 19<sup>th</sup>~20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018: Main Conference
- 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018: Code Sprint