



# The challenge of growing the LibreOffice Japanese community through events under COVID-19

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# Agenda

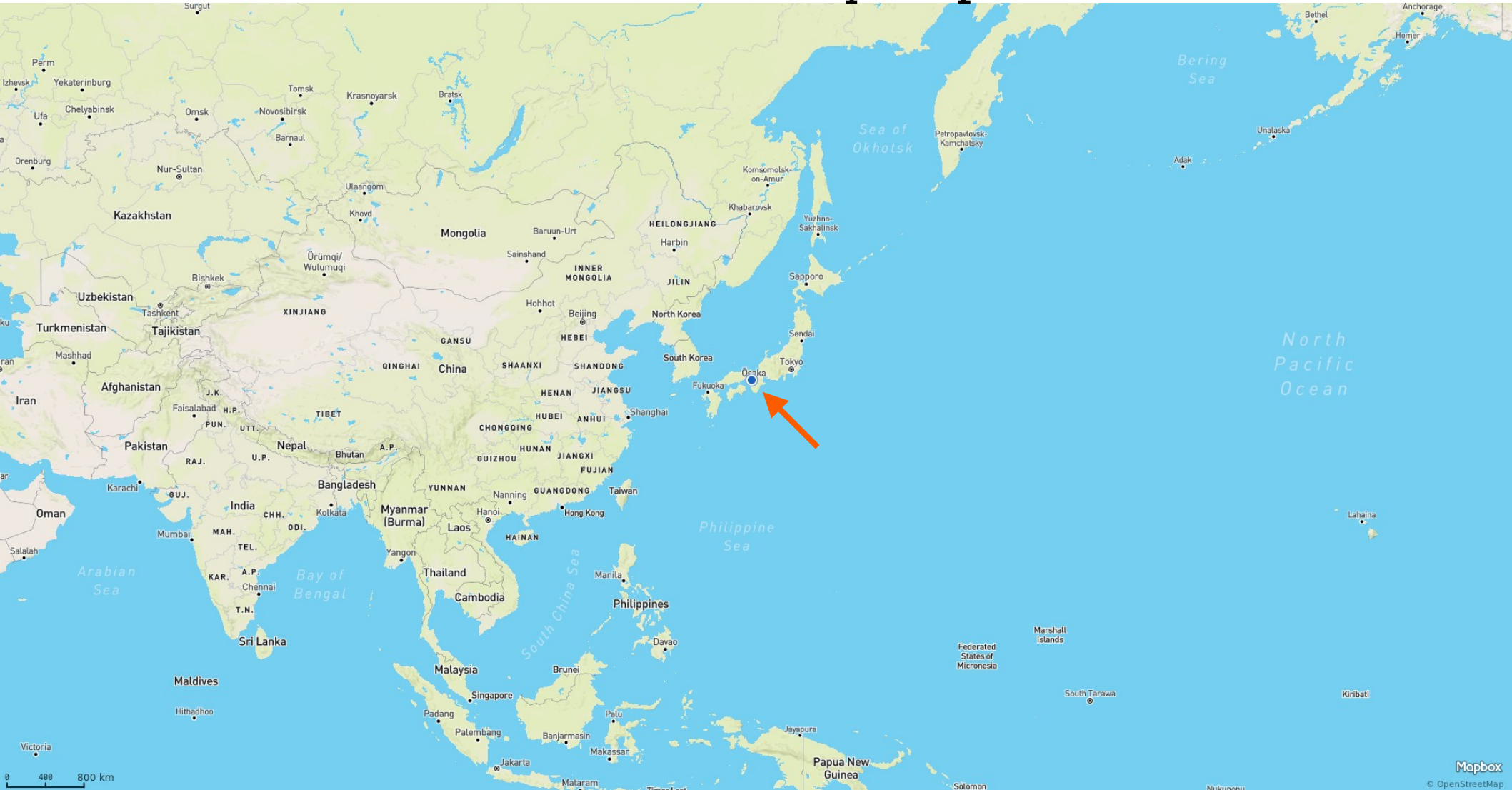
- Event activities in Japan for the last 10 years
- Current event activity status in Japan
- Conclusion

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- Member of LibreOffice Japanese Team(2011-)
- Member of The Document Foundation (2014-)
- Activity: organizing events, grows community sometimes QA
- Other community:
  - Vice-chairperson of Japan UNIX Society
  - Staff of KANSAI OPEN SOURCE
  - Nextcloud, OpenData, etc...



# Live in Nishinomiya, Japan



# Event activities in Japan for the last 10 years

# 2010: LibreOffice starts

- No JA community members founding LibreOffice
- But soon many people join
  - OOo contributors
  - Other OSS contributors
  - And more

# 2011

- We had 4 events
  - Open source conference: 3 times
  - Kansai LibreOffice study meetup
    - OOo study meetup changed to LibreOffice
- LibreOffice Japanese Team founded
  - Part of JA community
  - Responsible for task support and relationships within the JA community

# OpenSource Conference Kyoto/Kansai

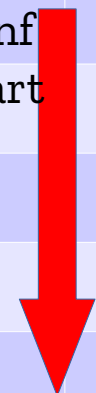
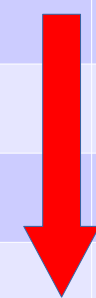




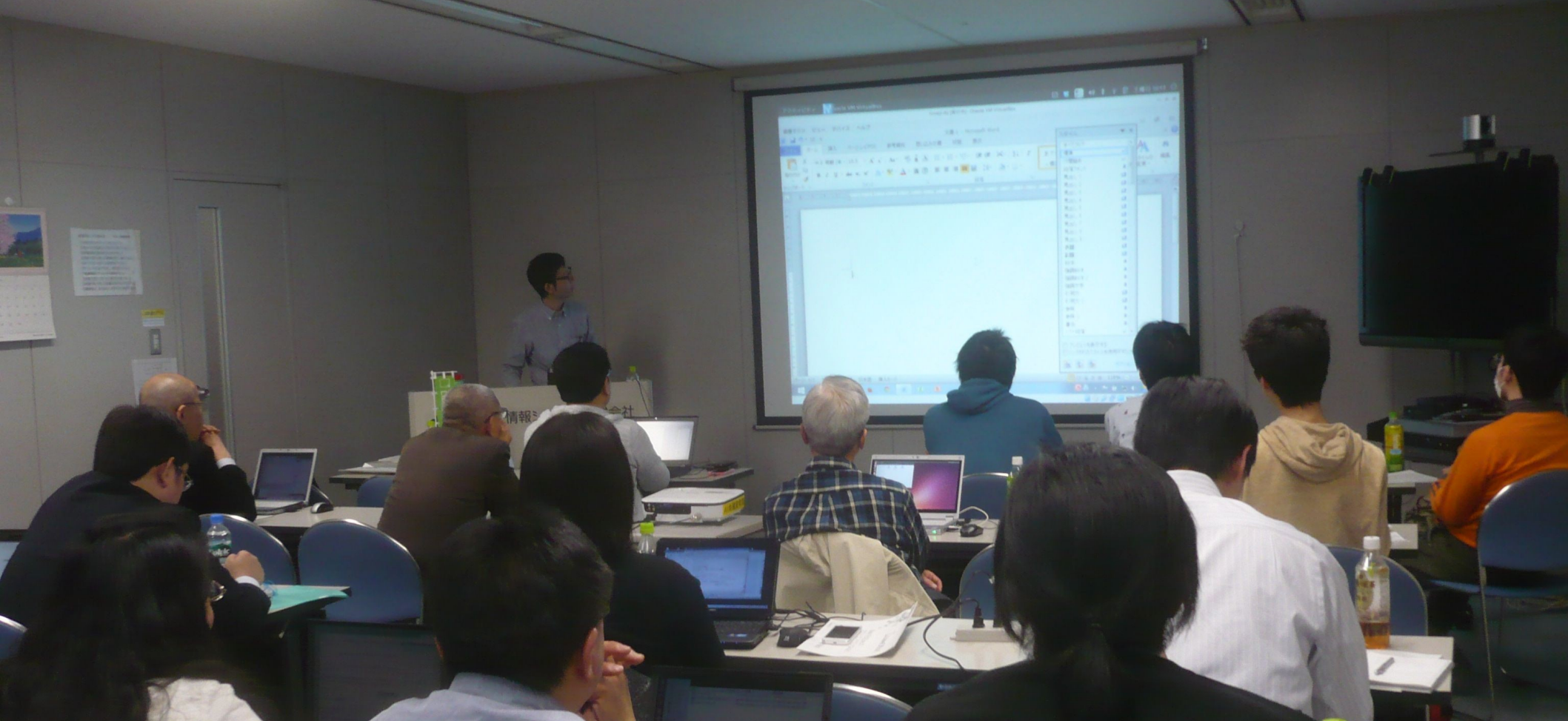
# Focus point of events

- Appeal and strengthen relationships with other OSS communities
  - Join Other oss events (OSC, KOF)
- Relationships between LibreOffice contributors
  - LibreOffice kaigi, hackfest
- Get contributors
  - Hackfest, OSC
- Increase LibreOffice users
  - Study meetup, LibreOffice kaigi

	Study Party	Offline Meeting	HackFest	OSS Events	LibreOffice day	Miniconf / etc	合計
2011	1			3			4
2012	3	1		11			15
2013	13	5	1	11		2 mini conf	32
2014	7	10	5	12	11	1 start	46
2015	5 name change	2	10	15	12	2	46
2016	5	0	11	12	12	4	44
2017	3	0	5	12	12	1	33
2018	5	1	2	12	12	1	33
2019	1	1	0	11	12	1	26



# Kansai LibreOffice Study Party



# LibreOffice Day 1<sup>st</sup>



# hackfest (miniconf after events)





# Strengthening relations with Est Asia

- Taiwan, South Korea, Indonesia, etc.
  - LibreOffice Kaigi 2016.12 : keynote, Franklin
  - LibreOffice mini conf 2017 with openSUSE.Asia summit
  - openSUSE.Asia summit 2018,2019: JA member join
  - COSCUP 2018, 2019: JA member join
- And last year was the 1st Asia Conference





# Other information

- LibreOffice Conference 2016 slide
- [https://www.slideshare.net/eno\\_eno/building-libreoffice-local-community-in-japan-through-event-handling](https://www.slideshare.net/eno_eno/building-libreoffice-local-community-in-japan-through-event-handling)



BRNO 2016  
CONFERENCE

Building LibreOffice local community  
in Japan through event handling

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LibreOffice

LibreOffice Brno 2016 Conference Presentation 1

The slide features a green background with a white outline of a city skyline. In the top right corner, there are several small icons representing different LibreOffice applications: Writer, Calc, Impress, Draw, and Base. The text is centered and uses a clean, sans-serif font.

# Current event activity status in Japan

# Now focus on online events

- Hackfest
  - Every Wednesday 19:00-21:00
- OpenSouse Conference
- 10th anniversary event
- openSUSE / LibreOffice Conference pre-party



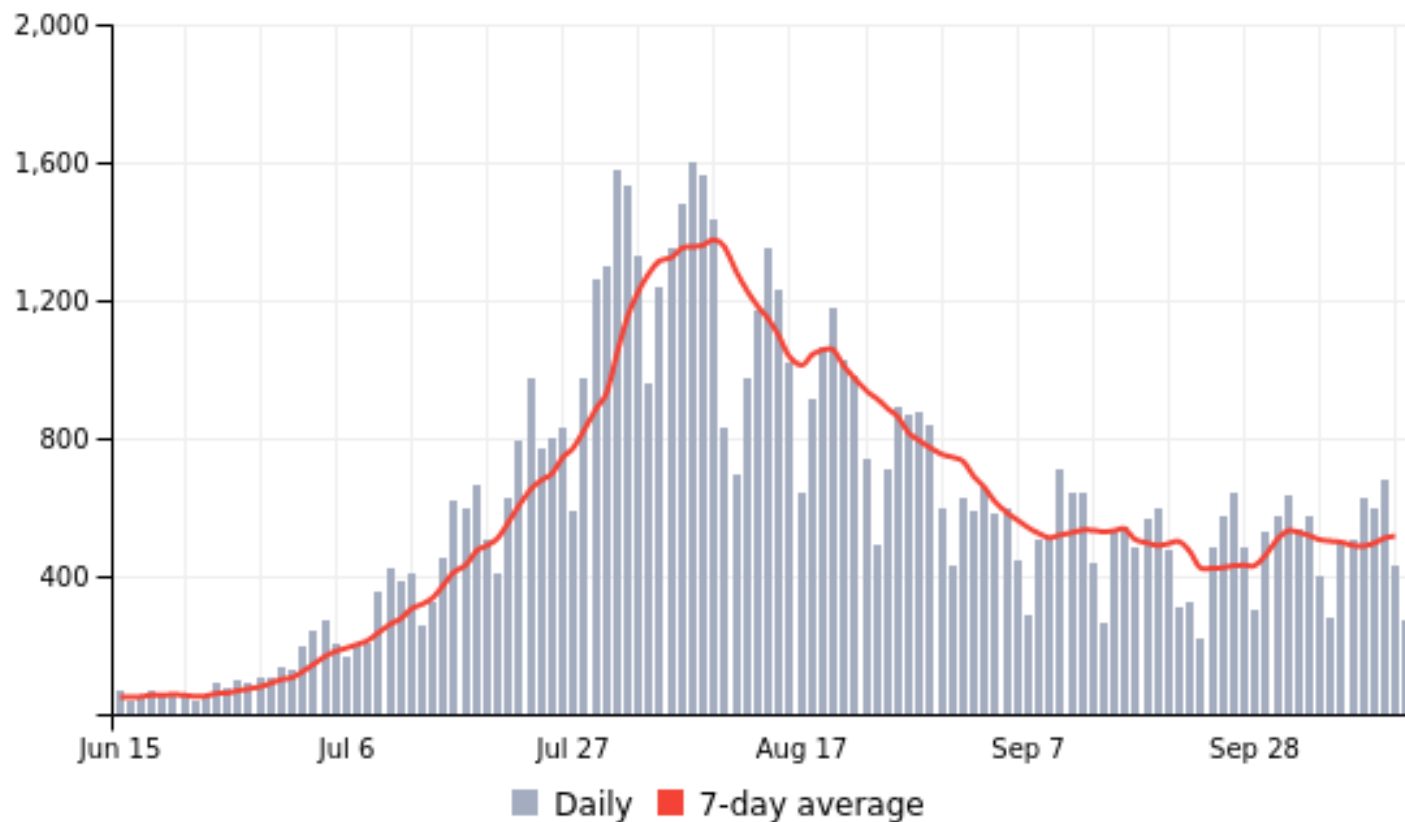
# Difficult situation in 2020

- COVID-19 made our offline activities difficult
- Most contributions can be made online
- However, it is also important to meet face to face
  - It helps build trust, makes communication easier, and interaction is fun!

# Status of COVID-19 in Japan

- Hundreds of COVID-19 infected people are found daily, now
- That may be less than in many countries
- However, offline activity is not easy

## Daily Confirmed Cases



# Positive side

- Acceleration of open source online tool development
  - Ex. Jitsi meet
- Our skills on online tools are improving
- Online communication has become widespread in society
  - Many people are now accepting online meetings

# What kind of online events do we do in Japan?

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  - LibreOffife Seminar and BOF
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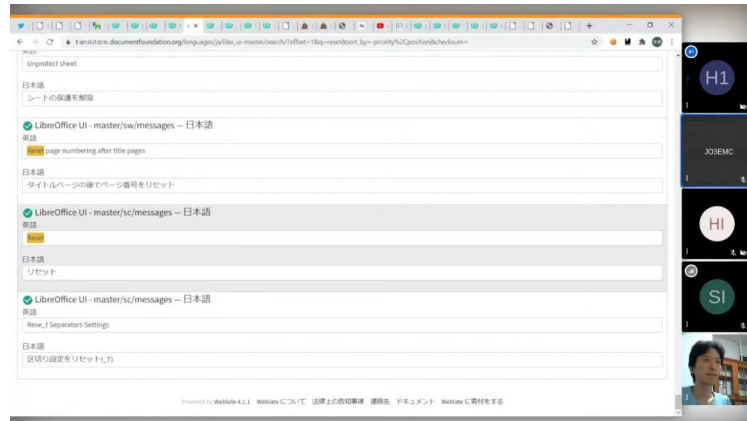


# Why Hackfest?

- Easy to hold
- It had the effect of accelerating the community
  - Of course, outreach has a limited effect
- Why it started?
  - Document Freedom Day Online in March was success with about 15 participants. This is our first online event.
  - It started from the next month with that momentum

# How to online hackfest

- Different from offline hackfest
  - Discuss one topic
    - Limitation of online conference system
  - Work together one task
    - Ex. Write a bug report while sharing screens and discussing
    - Ex. Discuss UI /Help translations
    - Ex. Everyone check reproduction of bugs in own environment
      - Easy to understand how to reproduce
    - Ex. Lecture to read the source code
- I think this is "mob work"



# What is mob work?

- Applying Mob Programming to Non-Programming Tasks
- In **pair programming**, two people work together, but in **mob programming**, team members work together on the same computer
- Definition of Agile Alliance
  - Mob Programming is a software development approach where the whole team works on the same thing, at the same time, in the same space, and at the same computer.
  - <https://www.agilealliance.org/glossary/mob-programming/>

# Effect of hackfest

- Improved accuracy and speed of discussion
  - It's clear what's happening with screen sharing
- Training
  - Easy to understand how to do it
  - We are not focused on training, but we will explain if someone doesn't understand
    - Understanding is more important than task completion

# Use Jitsi meet and Youtube live

- Simple is best
  - No special preparation, There are few troubles
  - Sometimes it gets in trouble, but not critical
    - Live stream is suddenly disconnected
    - Sometimes someone doesn't make a sound
- Live streaming
  - Psychological hurdle is low on Youtube live
  - Some people seem to be watching it, like listening to the radio
  - Some people are watching later
  - The number of views is small, but that's not an important






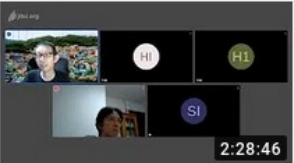


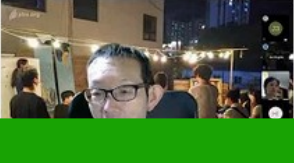



LibreOffice日本語チーム  
チャンネル登録者数 232人

チャンネル登録

ホーム 動画 再生リスト チャンネル 概要 

アップロード済み ▾ すべて再生

 並び替え

 <p>2:11:11</p>	 <p>2:30:37</p>	 <p>2:25:46</p>	 <p>2:28:46</p>	 <p>2:08:05</p>	 <p>2:18:07</p>
<p>LibreOffice Hackfest Online #22 74 回視聴・5 日前に配信済み</p>	<p>LibreOffice 10周年記念オンラインミーティング 64 回視聴・2 週間前に配信済み</p>	<p>LibreOffice Hackfest Online #21 53 回視聴・2 週間前に配信済み</p>	<p>LibreOffice Hackfest Online #20 27 回視聴・3 週間前に配信済み</p>	<p>LibreOffice Hackfest Online #19 17 回視聴・1 か月前に配信済み</p>	<p>LibreOffice Hackfest Online #18 25 回視聴・1 か月前に配信済み</p>
 <p>「オープンソース</p>	 <p>LibreOffice The Document Foundation LibreOffice 7.0 Release Party</p>				 <p>日本語 LibreOffice The Document Foundation LibreOffice Japanese Team</p> <p>2:22:29</p>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJjOaLmTjYu4129vzZLmMNg/>

Online

# Regularly is important

- Make it a habit by holding it every week
  - For organizers and participants
- Easy to remember that we have learned

# No preparation for hackfset

- Organizer only creates the event page and setup youtube live
- Quality of the content depends on the participants
  - My lucky point is that participants have a lot of topics



The screenshot shows the connpass website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the connpass logo, a search bar, and links for 'イベント検索', 'ダッシュボード', 'カテゴリ一覧', and '新着イベント'. Below the navigation bar, there are several notification banners. The main content area displays the event page for 'LibreOffice Hackfest Online #22', which is scheduled for October 7th. The event description mentions a meeting to learn about LibreOffice community work methods. The LibreOffice logo is prominently displayed. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a 'グループ' (Group) section for 'LibreOffice\_Japanese\_Events', showing 45 events and 112 members. Below that, there is a '開催中' (Ongoing) section for 'openSUSE + LibreOffice Virtual Conference 前夜祭'.



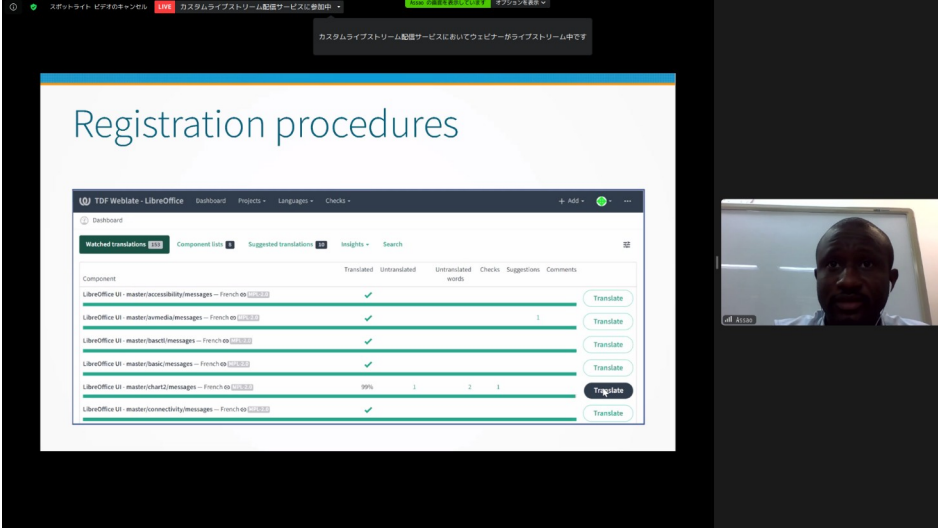
# Other event activities

- Online meetups with Jitsi meet
  - Document Freedom Day
  - 7.0 release party
  - 10th anniversary event
- OpneSouce Conference Online series
  - Seminar and BOF, at four events
- (Offline) LibreOffice day
  - Small events in co-working space
- We've missed our annual conference in Japan

# OpneSource Conference (1)

- Many open source communities get together
- It is held in various cities of Japan, but this year it will be held online

Alu "First Stages and challenges of LibreOffice Translation in Hausa Language"



The screenshot displays a web interface for LibreOffice translation. The main heading is "Registration procedures". Below it, there is a table with columns for "Component", "Translated", "Untranslated", "Untranslated words", "Checks", "Suggestions", and "Comments". The table lists several components with their translation progress. A "Translate" button is visible for each row.

Component	Translated	Untranslated	Untranslated words	Checks	Suggestions	Comments
LibreOffice UI: master/accessibility/messages -- French	✓					
LibreOffice UI: master/umedia/messages -- French	✓			1		
LibreOffice UI: master/basic/messages -- French	✓					
LibreOffice UI: master/basic/messages -- French	✓					
LibreOffice UI: master/chart2/messages -- French	99%	1	3	3		
LibreOffice UI: master/connectivity/messages -- French	✓					

# OpneSouce Conference (2)

- Seminar talk with Zoom. Participants can see on Zoom or Youtube Live
  - Ex. Raru-san had a demo in the story of how to set up when writing a novel in Writer
- BOF
  - Meetup for discussion

iv) 行数と文字数を指定

行数と文字数の設定

ページ単位の行数(D): 17 (1-114) 1文字の最大サイズ(F): 1 pt

行単位の文字数(E): 48 (1-385) ルビ文字の最大サイズ(G): 1 pt

ルビを対象文字の下または左に表示(H)

v) 1文字/ルビ文字の最大サイズを調整する

行数と文字数の設定

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ルビを対象文字の下または左に表示(H)

4-10、印刷所を利用するための原稿を作ろう

4、「行数と文字数」を設定するのつぎ③

vi) グリッド線を表示するからチェックを外す

# Benefits and challenges of online events

- Benefits
  - No restrictions on location, easier join
  - Easy to hold
  - Easily make effective mob work
- Challenges
  - Outreach is not successful, now
  - Face-to-face is better for dealing with communication problems
  - Party is more fun offline

# Stress by COVID-19

- Community members are also stressful
- More communication trouble than usual
- JA community have not been able to handle it well
  - I don't know the solution
- I think important that  
more considerate, more respectful

# Communication channel

- JA mailing list is not active now
- Telegram group is active
  - Easy to respond
  - Communication speed is fast
  - But discussion is difficult
- JA community started using TDF Redmine
  - To track tasks and discussions

# Conclusion

- Over the last 10 years we have had many events
  - Different types of events for different purposes
- This year, focus on online events
  - Focusing especially on hackfests, it helps accelerate the community
  - Outreach and communication issues need to be addressed



- Contact : [shinji.enoki@libreoffice.org](mailto:shinji.enoki@libreoffice.org)
- JA Team blog : <https://ja.blog.documentfoundation.org/>
- Events list : <https://wiki.documentfoundation.org/Events>

# Thank You!

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