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**Building a bridge between
Japanese LibreOffice community
and the world**

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Agenda

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- How to make the bridge?
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Who am I?

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- From Tokyo, Japan
- TDF member #337
- LibreOffice Japanese Team (JA NLP) member
- Ubuntu as private usage
- Automation testing architect @ 3rd-party testing vendor



LibreOffice in Japan



Enterprise

- Local government
 - Tokushima-pref, Aizu-wakamatsu-city, Kosai-city
- Companies
 - NTT Comware (dual standard with MSO), JA Fukuoka
- less active for some years
- ... no step back to MSO, but no any new implementation



Consumer Market

- "PC bundled Office" culture
 - Microsoft Office ↘ WPS Office ↗
- Still less subscription (means not move to Office365)
 - MS Japan also seems confusing...
- **Limited people** choices their office suite by themselves
- Under the development for majority of PC users



Business

- Can't say huge success at this time

-  iCRAFT is struggling now to change that situation

Japanese LibreOffice community



People

- Three TDF members



- LibreOffice Japanese Team(JA NLP) has 19 members
 - Spread wide area in Japan
 - But few actives (less than a half...?)
- NO paid worker
 - Voluntary base



Activities

- **No strategy, "Do anything what the member(s) want to do" model**
- UI / Help / Wiki / Web translation
- Organize events
 - Discuss later
- Exhibit / participate events (in Japan | Global)
- Write articles for Japanese media (Magazine, web)
- SNS marketing (Facebook, Twitter)



Communication

- Mailing List
 - Announce, Users, Discuss
- Askbot
- Telegram (#libreoffice-ja)

LibreOffice Events in Japan



Two events in Japan

LibreOffice mini-conference

- Regional but Global
- Focus on contributors

LibreOffice Kaigi

- For Japanese speakers,
By Japanese speakers
- Focus on end-users
- Kaigi is taken from a
Japanese word "会議"
means "conference"



Beginning is mini-conference

- First goal at 2014 (1st):

“Make a place to meet **LibreOffice contributors**
from **anywhere in Japan** each other”

- And improve our community strength to host global events
 - Like “Mini DebConf 2009 Taipei,” which is taken from the event name
- Then, became “regional but global” event at 2017
 - Not only for Japan residences, but also for other areas
- of course, could be remove “mini-” as Indonesian does ;)



Why "Kaigi"?

- Because we have the manifest:

WE COMMIT OURSELVES:

to support the preservation of mother tongues by encouraging all peoples to translate, document, support, and promote our office productivity tools in their mother tongue

https://wiki.documentfoundation.org/TDF/Next_Decade_Manifesto

- Kaigi aims "encouraging **all people**," not only contributors, with our mother tongue (Japanese)

Why we need a bridge?



Anyway, why LibreOffice?

- Personally, because we have **opportunities to make world (through LibreOffice) better together**
- Together? With who?

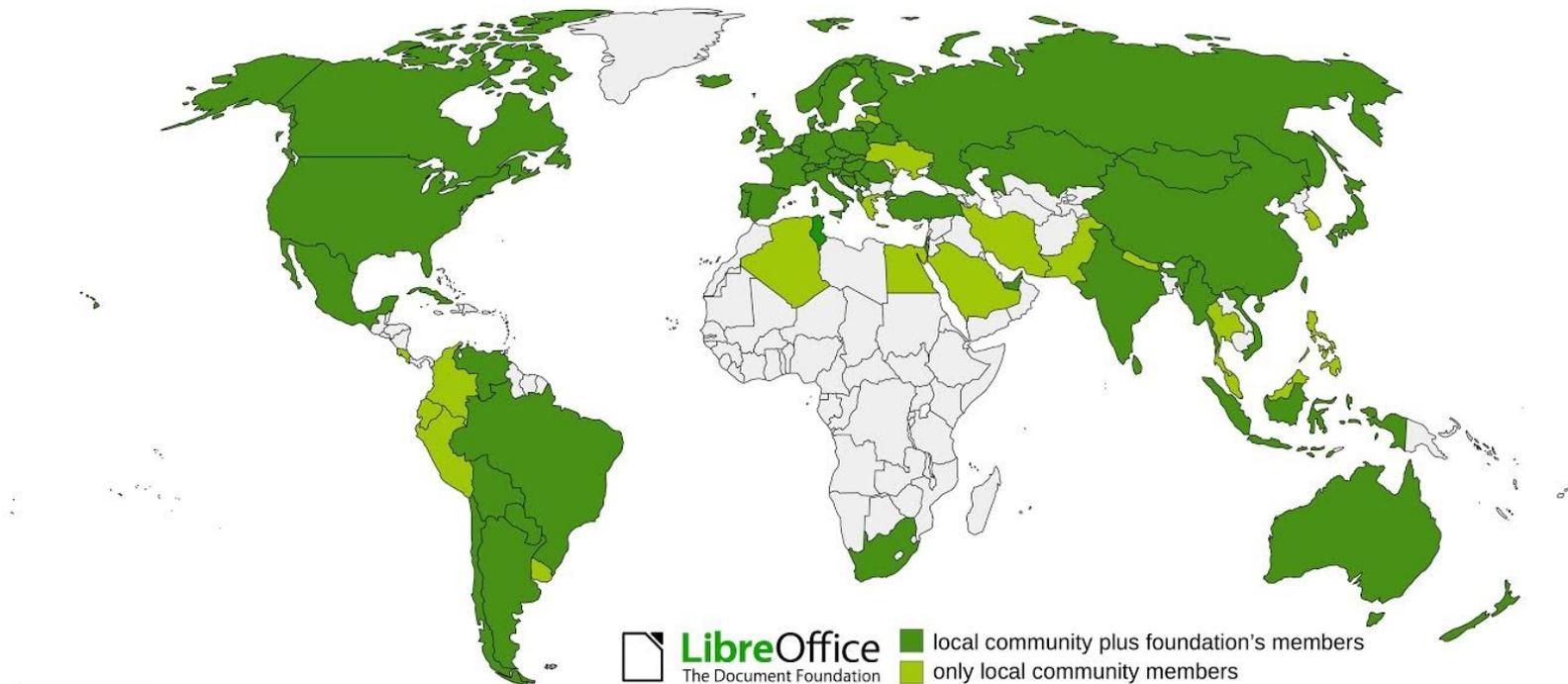


LibreOffice is made by a worldwide community of people like you. Get involved, give our volunteers a hand, and meet new people! Oh, and contributing to a well-known project looks good on your CV too. tdf.io/joinus





Yes, we are worldwide community!



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■ local community plus foundation's members
■ only local community members





Deep "Language Valley"

- In the global collaboration, we generally use English
- Most Japanese learned English several years, but many of them don't want to use it



My English is really bad, so I might be laughed by others if I use English at public space...

- You may know I'm not a typical Japanese ;)

So, we need to build a bridge over the
language valley



How to build a bridge?



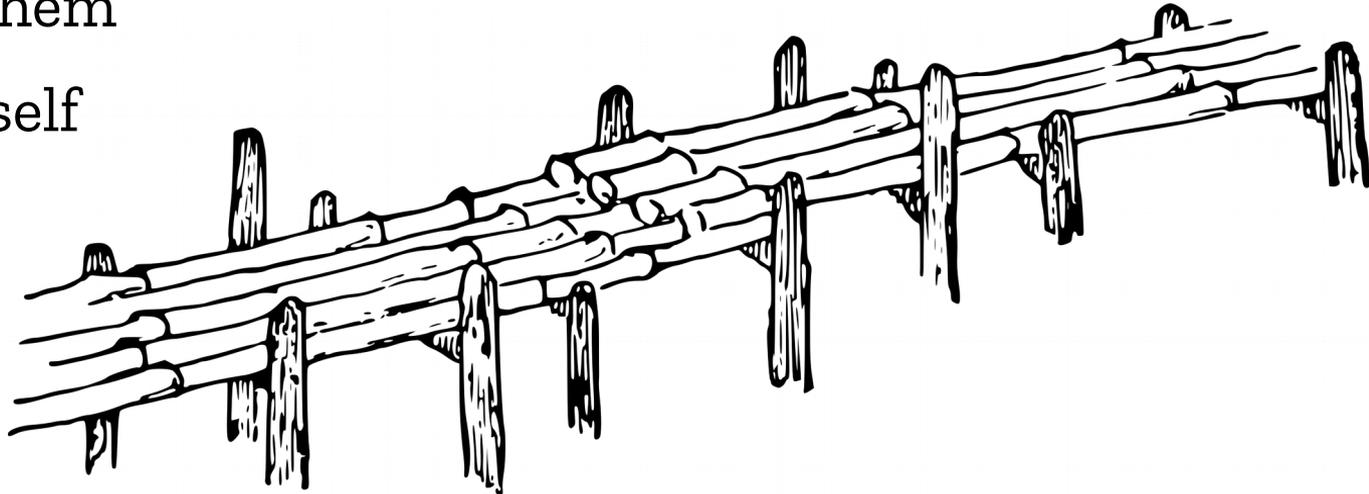
Solution 1: core team approach

- Core NLP members become translators / interpreters (bridge)
- ... Doesn't work well in JP
 - Limited resource
 - Hard to keep our motivation
 - "You guys are good at English, I'm not, so it's not my job"



Solution 2: "pier" approach

- We core team isn't a bridge, just "piers"
- NLP core team do NOT everything
- Instead, encourage others and help them
- JP community itself become a bridge





Make "Kaigi" to "little global"

- Our Kaigi aims for end-users, but sometimes we invited foreign guest speakers, **without interpreters**
 - 2016 Tokyo: Franklin Weng
 - Taiwan ODF migration
 - 2018 Osaka: Tomaz Vajngerl
 - LibreOffice 6.0 / 6.1 / 6.x features from developer POV
 - 2019 ??? : Under the discussion



"Opportunity" is the keyword

- We would like to provide end-users the "opportunity" to:
 - Communicate non-Japanese speakers directly in English (if some translator is there or not) to ask their own interest
 - See how we (core team) communicate with non-Japanese speakers with (broken) English
 - You all are smart enough to understand our wrong English!
- To encourage people who want to communicate global project!



Another trials to build a bridge

- Offline collaborative events
 - Translation Sprint
 - Bug-Hunting day
 - LibreOffice Day (run by Shinji Enoki)
 - Gathering 3rd Wednesday in each month
 - (now I plans to do same thing in Tokyo)
- Connect several place (Tokyo / Osaka / ...) via net (IRC / Telegram)
- To attract people who have interest to get involved our community

Our next challenge



Just imagine ATM, anyway...

- Annual **Asian Conference**????
 - Like GNOME and openSUSE people do
 - Gather people from other communities like Taiwan, Indonesia, China, Korea, or else
 - Asia has no common language but geographically close (timezone, travel costs)
- Attract more people in Japanese events and do multi-track (global track and local language track)
 - How?
 - Need to reach more enterprise / non-geek people (outside FLOSS world)

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- Japanese LibreOffice market is under the development (especially for non-geek users)
- We have events: "miniconf" and "Kaigi", which has different targets
- "Using LibreOffice with our mother tongue" is important, but global collaboration is also important
- Thus we, JP NLP core team, NOT ONLY communicate globally by ourselves, BUT ALSO encourage others to do so
- That's why our Kaigi is "little global"

Questions?



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