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Dear Wikimania 2013 jury,

Wikimania Conference 2013

On behalf of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, I write in support of Wikimedia Hong Kong's bid to host the Wikimania conference in Hong Kong in August 2013.

Hong Kong is an international commerce and conference centre, with advanced telecommunications networks and convenient transport links to the world. Many international conferences are held in Hong Kong every year. In 2011, a number of world renowned ICT-related conferences and events were hosted in Hong Kong, including the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies and Asia Pacific Advanced Network (APRICOT-APAN), AsiaD and SIGGRAPH Asia.

Hong Kong is located at the heart of Asia-Pacific and close to key economies in the region such as Japan, Korea, India & Australia. Half of the world's population is within five hours' flight time via the Hong Kong International Airport, which was named the World's Best Airport again in 2011 by SkyTrax. At the doorstep of the Mainland of China, Hong Kong is a regional hub in Asia.

Hong Kong is one of the best connected city in the world, with blanket 3G coverage and one of the world's fastest international Internet bandwidth. Our laws uphold the free flow of information and protect data privacy. All these enable the development of a vibrant Internet community in Hong Kong. We believe that in Hong Kong the Wikimania conference would be able to effectively achieve its mission of promoting, developing and maintaining open contents for wiki-based projects, as well as facilitate their free use.

We are confident that you and your delegates will enjoy a most rewarding experience if you elect Hong Kong as the host city for Wikimania conference 2013.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg So', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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