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Dear Wikimania 2013 jury / Wikimedia Foundation,

I am writing on behalf of DotAsia Organisation to lend our full support to Wikimedia Hong Kong to hold Wikimania 2013 in August 2013 in Hong Kong.

DotAsia Organisation is a not-for-profit, membership-based organization and is the Registry Operator for the .Asia Sponsored Generic Top Level Domain (TLD). DotAsia oversees the policies and governance of the ".Asia" TLD Registry. Our core mandate is to promote Internet development and adoption in Asia, for example, we support the One-Laptop-Per-Child initiative in Asia (www.olpc.asia), a youth volunteer program NetMission.Asia (www.netmission.asia), an R&D grants fund (www.isif.asia), Make a Difference conference (www.mad.asia), among many others. As part of our community work, DotAsia has also been hosting and supporting various conferences and initiative around Asia. For Hong Kong, we have helped co-host the APRICOT (www.apricot-apan.asia) event, the IPv6World Asia series (www.ipv6world.asia) will be helping host the GNOME Asia event this year (www.gnome.asia), started the Regional Internet Governance Forum (www.rigf.asia), as well as blogger conferences around Asia and also a number of concerts and awards (e.g. www.asianfilmawards.asia, www.apea.asia, www.paragon100.asia, etc.).

Hong Kong is positioned globally as an international conference and commerce centre, with advanced telecommunication networks and convenient transport links to the world. This has been proven by hundreds of international conferences held in Hong Kong, such as the recent Mobile Asia Congress held in November and the upcoming TEDxHongKong to be held in December 2012.

Hong Kong is reachable to most parts of Asia-Pacific and many major cities worldwide with direct flight and more than 3 billion people within a 5-hour flight-time. Hong Kong is one of the best connected city in the world with blanket 3G coverage and strong WiFi connections in many premises such as cafes, universities, conference centres and even public parks. This also reflects on the variety of the Wikimedian community in Hong Kong who are young and vibrant.

We understand that the Wikimedia Foundation is concerned with the geographical neutrality of the conference, and East Asia has not had a Wikimania conference since 2007 in Taipei. We therefore believe that this is the time for Hong Kong to host Wikimania

Furthermore, DotAsia is committed to put forward its resources and knowledge in the management of major Internet conferences and events to be a co-host for Wikimania 2013 should Hong Kong be selected to host Wikimania 2013. We are confident that our experience will ensure the local team will have strong event management, logistics, public relations as well as other coordination support to make Wikimedia 2013 a success.

Best regards,

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