

2005

Japan OSS Contributors Awards

2006/04

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Chronology

2005/07/07
to 07/22 17:00

Online Nomination Period

07/08 **Press release**

07/28 **First screening meeting**

08/02 **Second screening meeting**

08/M **Send result notification**

08/23 **Awards ceremony**



09/12 - **Invite Winners to Northeast OSS Forum**
(Original Schedule is 04/13 & 14)

Overall

Applicant :

-Contributors to OSS project in Japan or WW who continues their developments

Coverage Areas :

-Development Infrastructure
-Business Application & Operation Support
-Human Resource Development
-Standardization, etc.

Online Nomination Period (07/07 to 07/22 17:00) :

-Public Recommendation (including Self-recommendation)
-Recommendation from OSS knowledgeable persons appointed by “Program Committee”



Selection Process



Screening Process :

- Screening committee organized by 10 members from IT industry and academic area selects from the applications
- Chairperson is Dr. Hideyuki Tokuda (KEIO Univ.)
- First screening : 07/28, Second screening : 08/02

Judging Criteria :

- Size & Influence of OSS project which the applicant participates in
- Role, Responsibility & Leadership of applicant
- Contribution for OSS enlightenment
- Contribution to OSS society

Number of applicant : 39 (exclude duplication) before screening process

- Select 13 applicants in “First screening”
- 4 winners and 2 for second place in “Second screening”

Award Winners

Mr. Yukihiro Matsumoto

- The creator of “Ruby” (<http://www.ruby-lang.org/>)
- Contribute OSS society through developing “Ruby” with WW contributors

Mr. Satoru Takabayashi

- The creator of “Namazu”, “quickml server”, “gonzui” and etc. (<http://0xcc.net/>)
- Contribute OSS community through his creation

Mr. Hirokazu Takahashi

- The creator of “Zero-copy NFS”
- Establish new OSS business model through Linux kernel support

Mr. Fumitoshi Ukai

- Major member of “Debian Project” in Japan and contribute to other OSS projects
- Long time contributor to OSS society in Japan

Awards Ceremony & Party



Awards Ceremony :

- 08/23 @ Akihabara
- Over 140 people attends
- Winners get the shield and Notebook PC as extra prize

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- Positive feedback and coverage from major medias
- Highly evaluated by OSS society

Lessons & Learns

- How to maintain authority or motivation as a goal of OSS engineers ?
- How to develop “Eco System” for future candidates ?

