

# Introduction and Current Activity of Japan OSS Contributors Awards

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# Self-introduction

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Japan OSS Contributors Awards TG chief
- Linux Academy, Principal & Executive Director
- Japan OSS Promotion Forum, Human Resource Development Sub Committee
- Japan Apache Users Group/Samba Users Group Japan core staff member
- LDAP Japan Users Group/Japan PHP Users Group promotor
- Administrator of Oracle for Linux Mailing List and WebDAV-JP ML
- Published books: “Open Source Software Guidelines,” “Linux Textbook LPIC” and “PHP Programming Black Book. Translation: “PHP Pocket Reference.”
- Currently seeking a systematic framework for developing engineers acquainted with Linux and open source software.

# Japan OSS Contributors Awards

## ■ Outline

- Given to persons who have created or managed an influential development project and to developers who have played an important role in a global project or those who have contributed to the promotion of related activities.
- Aims to promote OSS development in Japan.

## ■ Implementation

- Established and implemented jointly by Japan OSS Promotion Forum and Information-Technology Promotion Agency, Japan (IPA).
- Awards have been given twice since 2005.
- For FY2007 (3<sup>rd</sup>), the winner selection process is currently under way.

# Management of the Awards system

## ■ Subject

- Developers who are playing a vital role in global or Japanese OSS projects.
- OSS developers who are playing an active role in a wide variety of fields, such as the development of infrastructures, operating systems, middleware, applications, desktops, servers, and mount technology.

## ■ Selection of candidates

- Candidates are selected from a wide range of fields.
- Candidates are recommended by users, communities, and enterprises via Web sites and electronic mail.
- The recommendation period is about one month.

# Management of the Awards system

## ■ Review

- Review by the Review Committee composed of experts from the academic and business circles.

## ■ Acceptance criteria

- Size and level of diffusion of the applicable OSS project
- Role and responsibility of the candidate in the applicable OSS project
- Contribution of the candidate to OSS promotion
- Contribution of the candidate to the OSS community
- Novelty of the applicable technology or technique
- Ripple effect on the market

# Honoring award winners

- Award presentation ceremony at the IPA Forum
  - Participation in the ceremony by community members and OSS-related enterprises



Award presentation ceremony (FY2006)

# Award winners for FY2005 (1<sup>st</sup>)

## ■ Mr. Yukihiro Matsumoto

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

## ■ Mr. Satoru Takabayashi

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

## ■ Mr. Hirokazu Takahashi

- The creator of “ZerocopyNFS”
- Establish new OSS business model through Linux kernel support

## ■ Mr. Fumitoshi Ukai

- Major member of “DebianProject” in Japan and contributed to other OSS projects
- Long time contributor to OSS society in Japan

# Award winners for FY2006 (2<sup>nd</sup>)

## ■ Yasuo Higa

- Chief developer of a lightweight container “Seasar2”
- Mounting of an advanced technology and substantial impact on the market

## ■ Shunichi Hirabayashi

- Leader of development project for multiplatform C++ integrated development environment “WideStudio/MWT”
- Contribution to the formation of Japanese and global OSS communities

## ■ Hiroyuki Yamamoto

- Developer of mail client “Sylpheed”
- Steady personal activities and global promotion of such activities

## ■ Hideaki Yoshifuji

- Chief developer of the protocol stack “USAGI” for IPv6 Linux
- A typical case of putting into practice academic outcome at a university



# Future direction of the Awards system

## ■ FY2007 (3<sup>rd</sup>)

- The recommendation period ended on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Award winners will be determined and the ceremony held in October
- Award winners include not only OSS developers but also those who have contributed to “OSS promotion.”
  - including those who have made a substantial contribution to the formation of communities, recognition of OSS, documentation, development of human resources, and standardization.

## ■ Direction

- Those who play a vital part in an OSS eco-system will be honored in order to promote further development of OSS and engineers.