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To,
The Secretary,
FOSS4G – ASIA
OSGEO-India

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Sub: - Expression of Interest to organize FOSS4G- AISA, 2018 in the Geospatial Science, BU

Respected Sir,

This is to bring your kind notice that the all the teachers of the Geospatial Science, BU have decided in its all teachers meeting, held on 24.04.2017 to express the interest for organizing the FOSS4G-ASIA, 2018 Symposium in the Geospatial Science, The University of Burdwan, Golapbag, Burdwan in the months of January-February 2018.

We all know that FOSS4G is Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial Science (GIS). We consider it as a movement to make the GIS software and data freely available for use, re-use, distribute by and for the large academic minded people of the world. This is to mention that the use of GIS is mainly restricted by the huge cost of the software. Each year not only our University but all Universities and Colleges of the region share a lot of their total budget on purchase and maintenance of the GIS software. We know that the FOSS4G, OSGEO-World and India are making the GIS software free. The students, teachers, researchers as well as administrators are using the software for research and planning. This is worth to mention that the Geography Syllabus in the UG course of our University has a compulsory paper to study GIS using FOSS4G. The Post Graduate course in Geospatial Science and Geography as well have GIS in the syllabus and it is encouraged (some time compulsory) to use the FOSS4G by the students and researchers.

We the teachers of Geospatial Science strongly believe that by holding such Symposium, we shall bring the world level academicians, researchers, scientists, developers, planners and administrators in the our esteemed University campus. This shall create an opportunity for our students and researchers to interact with them which in turn shall increase their academic excellence and chance for foreign collaboration. Our University in general and the Geospatial Science in specific shall help not only the local researchers but a lot of entire Asian (may be world's) academics through such conference.

Our university has well equipped international level auditorium and other physical infrastructure to hold such a big event. Most of the teachers of the Geospatial Science also have vast experiences to organize big conferences/workshops/symposium etc. We also have most cooperative authority to encourage and support for organizing the Conference etc. in our campus for our own as well as regional development. And the most important, our University campus has a natural attraction though its greenness; calm & quite water bodies; singing birds; and clean air. These make our University ideal and fit for holding FOSS4G Asia, 2018. Keeping these in mind, we all the teachers of the Geospatial Science want to express our interest to hold the FOSS4G-Asia, 2018 in our University campus in the Department of Geospatial Science. If we get the final call from the OSGEO-India to hold the FOSS4G-Asia, 2018, we shall look for funding from OSGEO-India and World and also from many other Indian organizations like DST, Govt. of India; Survey of India, Govt. of India etc.

We would like to request you to provide us required permission and sanction to hold the mega event FOSS4G – ASIA, 2018 in the Geospatial Science, BU, 4th Floor (Southern Side), Composite Building, Golapbag, Burdwan.

Thanking you,
Sincerely yours,

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