WHY AND HOW WE BUILD AND RUN GLOBAL OSS COMMUNITY
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I used to be Core Contributor for OpenSolaris leading laptop (netbook) porting project and helping Custom installer project.
I had to resign the contributor because Sun was acquired by Oracle and thus All the OpenSolaris Governance Board members had resigned and Oracle terminated OpenSolaris.
Now I am reading Japanese Raspberry Pi Community and help Raspberry Pi Foundation in UK as a volunteer - helping their business in Japan.
Why we build global OSS community
Seamless internet goes beyond race and country boarders - we can share many things ‘beyond the world’
We can easily see online network games
We are sometimes eager to get great things/works beyond ‘our border’. Internet makes such deals very easily.
Social coding tools make contributions easily - those tools make great challenge, improvements and enhancements to many OSS projects via internet.
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How we build global OSS community
I and some folks who is very interested in Raspberry Pi at OpenSource Conference Tokyo 2012 get together to found Japanese Raspberry Pi Users Group.
It took 2-3 month to get Raspberry Pi in Japan at that time, so I asked online shop in UK to make bulk purchase - that is the first step and reason we have found the community.
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Review my contribution for OpenSolaris - OpenSolaris netbook porting project
Challenge to access Developer to get some information via their blog - it is the first step.

Hi, rob
I've heard about your blog from my friend.
I now try to install Solaris Nevada b84 to my EeePC but Ethernet and Wifi won't work now, you said,
>I'm running pre-release bits for WiFi. The current bits have problems with the integrated Atheros chip.

so Could you please let me know how they work? I'd so appreciated if you could reply the comment:))

Thanks you for your cooperation,

Posted by Masafumi Ohta on March 19, 2008 at 11:32 PM HKT #

Hi.
For WiFi, see the workaround section of 6508851 on bugs.opensolaris.org.

I just filed an RFE for NIC support (6677682)... I think it should be showing-up on bugs.opensolaris.org soon.

--Robs

Posted by Robs on March 20, 2008 at 01:35 AM HKT #
Set all my project document to common language so everyone could review my project

Report: Solaris Installation on ASUS Eee PC

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Blogged in common language as well to spread to all over the world.
There were some ‘inside’ issue, though, Sun has admitted my OpenSolaris project

Okay, lemme see if I've got this right:

- A short (one or a few words) synopsis of the Project’s purpose, and an optional shortened or decorative name (see 4.1).

OpenSolaris support for the ASUS EeePC

- A list of Community Groups sponsoring the Project.

Laptop and Device Drivers

- A list of Participants constituting the initial Project Team, including a single individual who will serve as the preferred point of contact for matters regarding the Project.

Tim Foster, Judy Chen, Masafumi Ohta, Alex Peng, and Robert Sohigian

I'm hereby nominating Tim Foster to serve as the point of contact.
OpenSolaris community had elected the Core Contributor for my contribution for my project

Hi, all,

Masafumi Ohta has worked on installation of OpenSolaris on Eee PC. He summarized the informations on web in English, and had several seminar sessions in Japan.

So I would like to nominate him as a core contributor in ug-jposug.
Idea:
To do for building my Raspberry Pi community as global community
1. Establish some contact ways to Raspberry Pi Foundation
2. Establish appeal ways to Raspberry Pi Foundation
3. Spread the word in common tongue in the world.
   - ask to help us to English native or English speakers
   - realize 'we are one of the Raspberry Pi community in the world' - it is like 'Japanese Branch'
Got started their official Forum to appeal our activities to RaspberryPi Foundation - it is something like groping..

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https://groups.google.com/d/forum/japanese-raspberry-pi-users-group
Fortunately Liz Upton, Head of Marketing at Raspberry Pi Foundation stayed in touch with me and they are looking for a Japanese volunteer for their forum and etc.
I got started the moderator at Japanese category in Raspberry Pi Official forum in 2014
We already have done special community event called ‘Big Raspberry Jam Tokyo’ with Raspberry Pi Foundation twice in Japan, and we will continue to collaborate with them.
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How we run global OSS community
Almost all global OSS communities are located in western countries. There are still obstacles between ‘Westerners and Easterners’
But there are some great works all over the world. Those works must encourage our community. We should ‘open our community’ to pick them up.
RAPIRO is one of the great works for Raspberry Pi community by Japanese creator Shota Ishiwatari. This cute robot runs with Raspberry Pi hidden on its head.
There are still quite a few non westerner picking up 'use case' for spreading the word. I am now trying some to overcome the issue.

I met Akira Ouchi – or Akkie, as he prefers to be known (his site's in Japanese, but you can search for 'akkie' to find it). We met while working on a project in Tokyo. Although we didn't have much of any language in common (besides Python), we became friends instantly, largely because he had strapped a Raspberry Pi and a CD-ROM drive to his head, and kept issuing the whole system an eject command while shaking my hand warmly.

I noticed a different approach to hobbyist electronics in Japan. This is a broad
We must collaborate with each other more and more to expand each community. It is far more important to overcome ‘any language-barriers’.
Visiting each community is very important to understand each other easily, I will try more and more if I have a time.
My latest challenge for Raspberry Pi community: collaborate and help Raspberry community in near around regions to expand each community... let's see what happens :)
Conclusion:
We build global OSS community because we expand and strengthen our own community. We need the way to contact and appeal to each other while building and running the community. Collaboration events is good way to encourage our community. Visiting more each other, more strengthen each community and encourage more and more. Collaboration is ‘something challenge’. We may do more.
Questions?
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THANK YOU!

Photo taken by @jimgris in 2009