

# NOG

## Establishment and Operation

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JANOG committee

# The background

- Interconnecting each others
- Depending each others
- Sharing similar issues
- Changing quickly
  
- Needs for a forum

# Network Operators' Group

- It's open forum where we can have:
  - Technology discussions
  - Sharing operational best practices
  - Comparing experiences
  - Coordinating interconnections
  - Establishing personal relationships

# Localities



- NANOG is the first NOG
  - North America Network Operators' Group
- Now there are many NOG style forums
  - Regional, sub-regional, national, area-based
  - APRICOT, SANOG, PacNOG, HKNOG, AusNOG, NZNOG, BDNOG, BTNOG, SGNOC, MyNOG, ...
  - JANOG, ENOG, QUNOG
- Each group has own purpose and topics
  - To tackle on local and regional issues
  - Also sharing global trends

# Tendencies

- Operational experiences and statistics
- Casual discussion
- Breaks and social events
- **No marketing contents**
  - avoid sales talks

# JANOG

- Mailing list
  - 6500 mailing list members
- Face to face meetings
  - Twice a year, usually January and July
  - 3 days of plenary sessions
    - ~800 attendees in Tokyo
    - ~500 attendees outside of Tokyo
  - Presentations and discussions are in Japanese
    - English acceptable but rough translation is recommended
  - No registration fee
    - Foods and drinks are at your own
- Working group
  - temporarily formed to discuss a particular topic

# How JANOG started

- Japan Network Operators' Group
- Feb/1997
  - During NANOG9, several attendees from Japan had a chat at a bar and got a rough consensus to establish a NOG in Japan
- Jun/1997 - JANOG Pre-Pre-meeting
  - discussed policies and initial members of JANOG committee
- Jul/1997 - JANOG pre-meeting
  - discussed by-laws, selection of the committee, guidelines of a meeting

# Early days of JANOG

- No budget, no legal body, run by volunteers
- Mailing list
  - run by a volunteer
- Face-to-face meetings
  - Kind members let us use a meeting room in their office to have a JANOG meeting
    - No registration fee
  - 1 day plenary only



# Challenges

- JANOG8
  - Around 400 attendees
  - Sought sponsors to rent a conference room from a congress center for the meeting
- JANOG9
  - The first JANOG outside of Tokyo
  - Introduced a meeting host scheme
    - The host is responsible for arranging the meeting facilities

# The current JANOG structure

- JANOG committee
  - Working as a secretariat for JANOG
  - Make decisions if needed
- JANOG meeting committee
  - Responsible for organizing a particular JANOG meeting
    - Management of the meeting
    - Call for papers, compile and publish the meeting program
  - Temporarily formed
    - JANOG committee selects chairs from members and the chairs form the meeting committee by asking volunteers
- Meeting host
  - Responsible for arranging facilities for a particular JANOG meeting
    - conference rooms, audio and projectors
  - Responsible for a budget of the meeting
    - Seek sponsors if needed

# Still JANOG is run by volunteers

No legal body

No obligation

No guarantee

No budget

Supported by Hosts, Sponsors,  
and Donations(hosting, servers and etc.)

Thanks!

# Oh yes, a legal body helps

- To have a bank account
  - Pooling a budget
  - Receiving a fund from a donator
- To sign a contract
  - Venues
  - Services
- To get better understanding from others
  - Especially from conservative people
- But as like JANOG, it's not mandatory. Each NOG has own decision

# Anyone can establish a new NOG

- It's just a group and gatherings
- No hierarchy
- No formal relationship among NOGs
- The real challenge would be continuation and getting more involvements

# The keys of NOG

- Good meeting contents
  - Should meet operators' needs and interests
- Involvements of local key players
  - Major network operators, technical experts
- Facilitating communications
  - Mailing list and other communication tools
  - Appropriate managements of meeting and events
- Dynamism
  - New attendees
  - A change of committee members

# Summary

- NOGs for better network operations
  - Encourage operational and useful discussions
  - No marketing contents
- Challenges
  - Continuous initiatives
  - More involvements