



## The Foundation's **Global Efforts**

The FreeBSD Foundation is proud to serve a welcoming international community. Part of our mission is to support and grow FreeBSD awareness throughout the world. To that end, our Board of Directors is made up of members based around the globe, and they are dedicated to helping us spread the word. One of the ways we do this is by sponsoring and attending conferences. In addition to sponsoring BSD-related events such as EuroBSDcon, AsiaBSDcon, BSDCan, and the Cambridge FreeBSD Developers Summit (BSDCam), the Foundation also participates in non-BSD events throughout the world, including womENcourage in Austria, Chemnitz Linux Days in Germany, FOSDEM in Brussels, and many more.

Last year, with the help of new board member Kylie Liang, we were able to begin extending our reach to new regions. Kylie arranged for members of the Foundation Board to present at a number of Chinese conferences and meetups to increase the awareness and adoption of FreeBSD in China. First, at OSC 2016: The Annual Open Source Conference, Foundation Board Director George Neville-Neil presented "FreeBSD is Not a

Linux Distro" to around 400+ attendees. Next, Foundation Board Director Hiroki Sato presented an "Introduction to FreeBSD" to around 300 attendees at COSCon 2016: The China Open Source Conference. This was the first annual conference sponsored by the open-source organization Kaiyuanshe. Following the presentation, 30 people joined Hiroki in a WeChat group for BSD. In addition, Director Robert Watson delivered a presentation on "Cambridge L41: Teaching Advanced Operating Systems with FreeBSD" through audio conference, and FreeBSD src committer Yanmin Qiao presented "FreeBSD and BSD-based Virtual Appliance in Microsoft Azure" at a BSD meetup in Shanghai. Finally, approximately 45 people attended a BSD meetup in Beijing. George Neville-Neil again delivered his "FreeBSD is Not a Linux Distro," Zheng Fu of Array Networks shared "FreeBSD development @ Array," and Yanmin Qiao talked about "FreeBSD and BSD-based Virtual Appliance in Microsoft Azure." More on our recent efforts in China can be found in our December 2016 newsletter: <https://www.freebsd.foundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/FreeBSD-Foundation-December>

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This year, we're working with new board member Philip Paeps to bring a greater FreeBSD presence to India by sponsoring Rootconf 2017, taking place in Bangalore in May. In addition to having a developer's room at FOSDEM in February, Director Benedict Reuschling will be heading up a booth as part of the event's exhibition, allowing us to better introduce the FOSDEM attendees to FreeBSD. George and Benedict will be teaching a two-week FreeBSD OS class in Darmstadt, Germany, and Benedict will also be teaching a course in Oulu, Finland.

Not only does the Foundation's own team attend events, but our Travel Grant Program allows for other community members to do so as well. The program is designed to both bring members of the FreeBSD community face-to-face for further development of the Project, and to spread the word about FreeBSD. Travel grants are available to community members who need assistance with expenses to attend conferences related to FreeBSD development and advocacy. Due to the limited size of the Foundation board and staff, we rely on the FreeBSD community to attend the events that we cannot. You can find out more about our travel grant program here: <https://www.freebsd.foundation.org/what-we-do/grants/travel-grants/>.

Attending events or speaking at meetups are just some of the ways the FreeBSD Foundation helps to increase global awareness of the FreeBSD Project. But, we can't do this without you. If there's an event you'd like to present at but are not sure how to go about it, please let us know. We can help. If you're looking for a speaker for your local meetup, we can help with that too. We've provided PDFs of our advocacy materials here: <https://www.freebsd.foundation.org/what-we-do/education-advocacy/>.

We can also provide raw files should you be interested in getting them translated into your preferred language. Finally, if you are a FreeBSD user in an area you feel lacking FreeBSD advocacy, contact us ([marketing@freebsd.foundation.org](mailto:marketing@freebsd.foundation.org)).

Thank you for your continued support of the FreeBSD Foundation. ●

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# WELCOME to AsiaBSDCon 2017!

## DATE

March 9–12, 2017

## LOCATION

Tokyo University of Science  
Tokyo, Japan

<https://2017.asiabsdcon.org>

