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Apache Announces a New Japanese Community for Apache Axis

Web Services Project
Apache Software Foundation

The Apache Web Services Project of the Apache Software Foundation (ASF) today announced the start of the first Japanese community for Apache Axis.

Apache Axis is an open source based middleware what is commonly used as a Web Services Runtime on a worldwide scale. From now on, Apache Axis users can choose Japanese as the communication language on the community except English as a common language.

[Background]

In the past, Axis users have had to join English community when they met any troubles or questions, even if they could download Axis on the ASF web site freely. However, it is too hard for Japanese people to explain the very complicated technical issues in English. We guessed that it's one of barrier to widely disseminate our products in Japan. In fact, we've received many of strong demands for the Japanese community on a survey at our web site.

The Web Services PMC decided to establish a new Japanese Axis community in accordance with the result of the survey. The V.P., Web Services - Davanum Srinivas (the current chair of Web Services PMC) assisted to buildup the community, and also a Japanese developer - Toshiyuki KIMURA (Apache Software Foundation Committer, NTT DATA Corp.) supported to complete all of the tasks.

[General Description]

We have already provided a web site for Japanese Apache Axis Community, and then Q&A and various sorts of information exchange will be covered by a new mailing list. The new Japanese community is under the ASF, and the Japanese-specific operational management will be done by Toshi who is an Apache Axis Committer. For the detail to join the community, please visit the following web site.

(Link: <http://ws.apache.org/axis/jp/>)

[Future Work]

The ASF will support information sharing about Apache Axis in Japanese with the new mailing list. In addition, we would like to encourage the diffusion and uptake of Web Services Technologies in Japan.

[Reference Information]

About The Apache Software Foundation

The Apache Software Foundation supports a lot of open source projects with its development infrastructures, for instance, by providing many mailing lists for each projects. ASF products can be used easy whether the intended purpose is an individual use or a commercial use due to the Apache License. For more details of the ASF, please visit the following English web site.

(Link: <http://www.apache.org>)

About Apache Axis

Apache Axis is one of subproject under the Apache Web Services Project. It is used not only as a Web Services Runtime itself, but also as a part of many companies' solutions for Web Service support in their products. For the ongoing version - Axis 1.2, we are focusing to better address the WS-I Basic Profile and JAX-RPC specifications.

(Link: <http://ws.apache.org/axis/>)

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[NOTE] English subjects only should be accepted.

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