

ESEAP decides Wikimania 2023

Singapore or Japan



Voting

Singapore:

44 - active contributors

2 - post closing time

6 - new accounts(1 post closing)

Japan:

24 - active contributors

1 - post closing time

1 - new account

Consensus vs Vote

In the Wikimedia world counting votes is only part of the equation,

We also look to the weight of arguments presented

Trust the person closing the discussion to consider these along with the numbers.

Singapore weighted arguments

Singapore is more accessible to most countries in the region

Singapore has a friendly visa requirement

More open to religious dietary requirements

Ease of access post COVID

Closer to the southern areas ESEAP,

noting Taipei in 2007 and Hong Kong 2013

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Jewel_Changi_Airport,_Singapore_-_Goodbye_Singapore_-_49533130783.jpg By cattan2011 CC-by-2.0



Japan weighted arguments

Japan has a large community isolated from the movement

Many Japanese projects under represented globally

Improve the involvement of Japanese in the global community

Japan is a non-english community

For Wikimedia to build diversity Japan fits that criteria

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:JapaneseTraditional_Food_Street.jpg

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Conclusion

On Diversity both Singapore and Japan tick the same box differently,

Singapore currently more open visa policy

Japan as being underrepresented global in the movement

Both have sufficient venues for the event

Weight of number falls strongly to Singapore, being the first in person Wikimania post covid its current visa requirements are so much less restrictive. Diversity is something we need more of.

Any other year the chance to improve engagement with such a large community would be strong

Having people reconnect in person, after 3 years matters

it's possible to offer alternative measures for the Japanese community to have a larger presence

Alternative should the need arise will be in;

Japan

City to be decided if the need arises



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