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PAST WIKIMANIAS

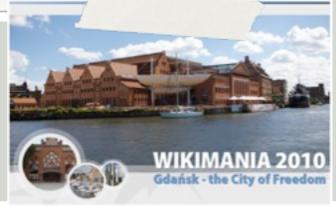
Conference	Date	Place	
Wikimania 2005	August 5 - 7	Frankfurt am Main, Germany	
Wikimania 2006	August 4 - 6	Cambridge, United States	
Wikimania 2007	August 3 - 4	Taipei, ROC (Taiwan)	
Wikimania 2008	July 17 - 19	Alexandria, Egypt	
Wikimania 2009	August 26 - 28	Buenos Aires, Argentina	
Wikimania 2010	July 9 - 11	Gdańsk, Poland	
Wikimania 2011	August 4 - 7	Haifa, Israel	
Wikimania 2012	July 12 - 15	Washington, D.C., United States	

A collage of different logos of previous Wikimania



WIKIMANIA 2007
The International Wikimedia Conference

August 3 - 5 Taipei, Taiwan





INITIAL SCHEDULE

Date	Wed 7th	Thu 8th	Fri 9th	Sat 10th	Sun 11th
Time	Pre-conference day 1	Pre-conference day 2	Main conference day 1	Main conference day 2	Main conference day 3
Morning		Chapters and board meetings	Opening ceremony	Keynote Speech	Jimbo's Keynote Board Panel
Late morning	Developer and board meetings		Parallel Chinese and English sessions	Parallel sessions	Parallel sessions
Lunch	Lunch	break	Lunch break VIP party	Lunch break	
Afternoon	Developer and board meetings	Chapters and board meetings	Parallel sessions	Parallel sessions	Parallel sessions Closing ceremony
Evening		Welcome party			Beach party and barbecue

BIDDING PROCESS

Hong Kong is chosen after a five-month official bidding process, during which competing potential host cities present their case to a Wikimania jury comprising Wikimedia Foundation staff and past Wikimania organizers.

And our competitors includes, London, Napels, Bristol, & Surakarta. London was one of the finalists along with Hong Kong.



WHY THIS **WIKIMANIA SO** SPECIAL?

- 2ND TIME IN **EAST ASIA**
 - > FIRST TIME IN TAIPEI 2007



August 2011 Wikimedia Hong Kong meeting

- POST-80S ORGANIZERS
 - > SEE THE PICTURE?
- FIRST AMONG NYLONKONG
 - **LONDON WAS FINALIST THIS YEAR**
 - NYC TRIED IN 2011

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ABOUT WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION

The Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to encouraging the growth, development and distribution of free, multilingual content, and to providing the full content of these wiki-based



projects to the public free of charge. The Wikimedia Foundation operates some of

USEFUL LINKS

http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimania 2013 OFFICIAL WEBSITE

http://wikimediafoundation.org WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION

http://wikimedia.hk WIKIMEDIA HONG KONG

http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimania 2013 bids/Hong Kong

BIDDING PROPOSAL

the largest collaboratively edited reference projects in the world, including Wikipedia, a top-ten internet property.

ABOUT WIKIMEDIA HONG KONG

Wikimedia Hong Kong (WMHK) is the local chapter of the Wikimedia Foundation in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, which is a local charitable institution exempt from tax under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. It aims to promote a correct usage of the Wikimedia Projects, at the same



time draw more free contents to the Projects. Promote free culture along with