

How SIPA promote Open Source Software?

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What is SIPA?

- Thai Government Agency under Ministry of ICT Thailand
- Promotion Agency for Thai Software Industry
- 5 Strategies to promote software : Enterprise Software, Animation & Multimedia, Computer Games & Mobile Applications, Embedded Software and Open Source Software.
- Established on September 2003 and set up 3 Branches (Chiangmai, Phuket, Khonkaen) on

SIPA's Open Source Projects

- “Suriyan” is a distribution kit to install Localized Linux Server and many Localized Open Source Software Applications
- “Chantra” is a distribution kit to install many Localized Open Source Software applications on Microsoft Windows environment

SIPA's projects will contribute to OSS

- SOA-Web Services Proved of Concept Applications
 - “One Stop Services” – enabling realtime interoperability among legacy systems of public authorities, Banks and payment services web-portal application
 - “Tourism collaborative Commerce” – enabling realtime interoperability between tourism business companies
 - “e-Marketplace for motorcycle spare part business”
 - Etc.

Open Source Software is not free

- Almost of Thai peoples mis-understanding about OSS – it must be free (zero cost & zero price)
- SIPA has tried to educate both OSS-Users and OSS-developers to consider Software cost structure to quote as
 - Licensing Cost (Commercial S/W and OSS may different.)
 - Installation Cost (Both may not different)
 - Implement & Training Cost (Both may not difference)
 - Maintenance Cost (Both nearly the same)

SIPA & Coordinator

- Local Coordinators
 - NECTEC under NSTDA
 - Software Park under NSTDA
 - Universities,
 - Open Source Network
 - etc
- International Coordinator
 - IPA : Information Technology Promotion Agency,
Japan

Thank you



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