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Mozilla Drumbeat Hackfest, Firefox 4 Release Party and Fabricatorz Supporting

Beijing, Tuesday, March 22, 2011 – The Mozilla Drumbeat Hackfest is coming to Beijing. The 2011 China Drumbeat is organized around the theme of citizen science on the web, and has attracted some of the world's leading developers in this field to participate. The Hackfest takes place from March 23 – 25, 2011 and is to be hosted at the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing.

The goal the 2011 China Mozilla Drumbeat is to increase public awareness of citizen science on the web, and partner open source developers with the scientific community to build prototypes and solutions for "citizen cyberscience" in China. The Hackfest is for web developers, mobile app developers, processor enthusiasts, online game developers and virtual world enthusiasts.

The first night of China Mozilla Drumbeat Hackfest, Wednesday March 23, Mozilla is hosting a Firefox 4 Release Party from 9:30 until 11:30 at the Rainbow Club. It is a night of fun, music and celebration for the global launch around the world of the most free, open and secure web browser, Mozilla Firefox. This is a free and open event, but registration is required prior:

<http://mozilla.com.cn/event/25-ff4-launch-party/>

The main two days of the Hackfest on March 22 - 23 are focused on "citizen cyberscience" which includes volunteer computing projects such as SETI@home <http://setiathome.berkeley.edu/>, BOINC <http://boinc.berkeley.edu/>, CAS@home <http://casathome.ihep.ac.cn/>, and LHC@home <http://lhcatome.cern.ch/>. These projects all leverage the power of distributed computing to aid basic scientific research.

A Drumbeat Hackfest is a live collaborative event where tools and technologies that support the open web are designed and created. The 2011 China Drumbeat welcomes the participation of developers with skills in HTML, CSS, JavaScript, data visualization, distributed computing, mobile computing and online gaming. Participating developers can take advantage of this opportunity to aid the scientific community and increase public uptake of volunteer computing using the latest in web technologies.

The Hackfest opens on March 23, 2011 with an evening of speeches by Francois Grey, Coordinator of the Citizen Cyberscience Centre and initiator of the Africa@home and Asia@home citizen cyberscience projects; as well as team leaders from SETI@home, BOINC, CAS@home, LHC@home, EpiCollect, the Quake Catcher Network Project, and the Computing for Clean Water Project. Fabricatorz Christopher Adams and Jon Phillips are also in Beijing supporting and hacking at the event with the teams and creating news.

March 24 and 25 will see full-day hackfest sessions with scientists and developers to take on new challenges and help enhance volunteer computing through rapid software and product prototyping.

The Fabricatorz are proud to be participating and supporting this event. Christopher Adams and Jon Phillips will be the master of ceremonies at the Firefox Release Party. We hope to see you there!

About China Mozilla Drumbeat Hackfest

More Information in English and Chinese:

- <http://mozilla.com.cn/event/23-drumbeat-en/>
- <http://mozilla.com.cn/event/24-drumbeat-cn/>



About Firefox 4 Release Party

<http://mozilla.com.cn/event/25-ff4-launch-party/>

Rainbow Bar
彩虹酒吧

Address:

B1, Tower C, Science Plaza, Tsing hua Science Park, Wu Dao Kou
北京市海淀区清华科技园科技大厦C座地下一层

About Mozilla Drumbeat

Drumbeat is a global community of innovators like you, building a more awesome web and world. Connect with others. Find projects that need your help. Or share your own.

<https://www.drumbeat.org/>

About Fabricatorz

The Fabricatorz is a “open” production company that makes successful projects from start to finish, including development and community management. We specialize in Free and Open Source Software, Creative Commons technology, growing on-line and off-line communities in San Francisco, China and the Arab World. We develop software with Aiki Framework, hardware using Qi Hardware, and build communities around the philosophies of Sharism.

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