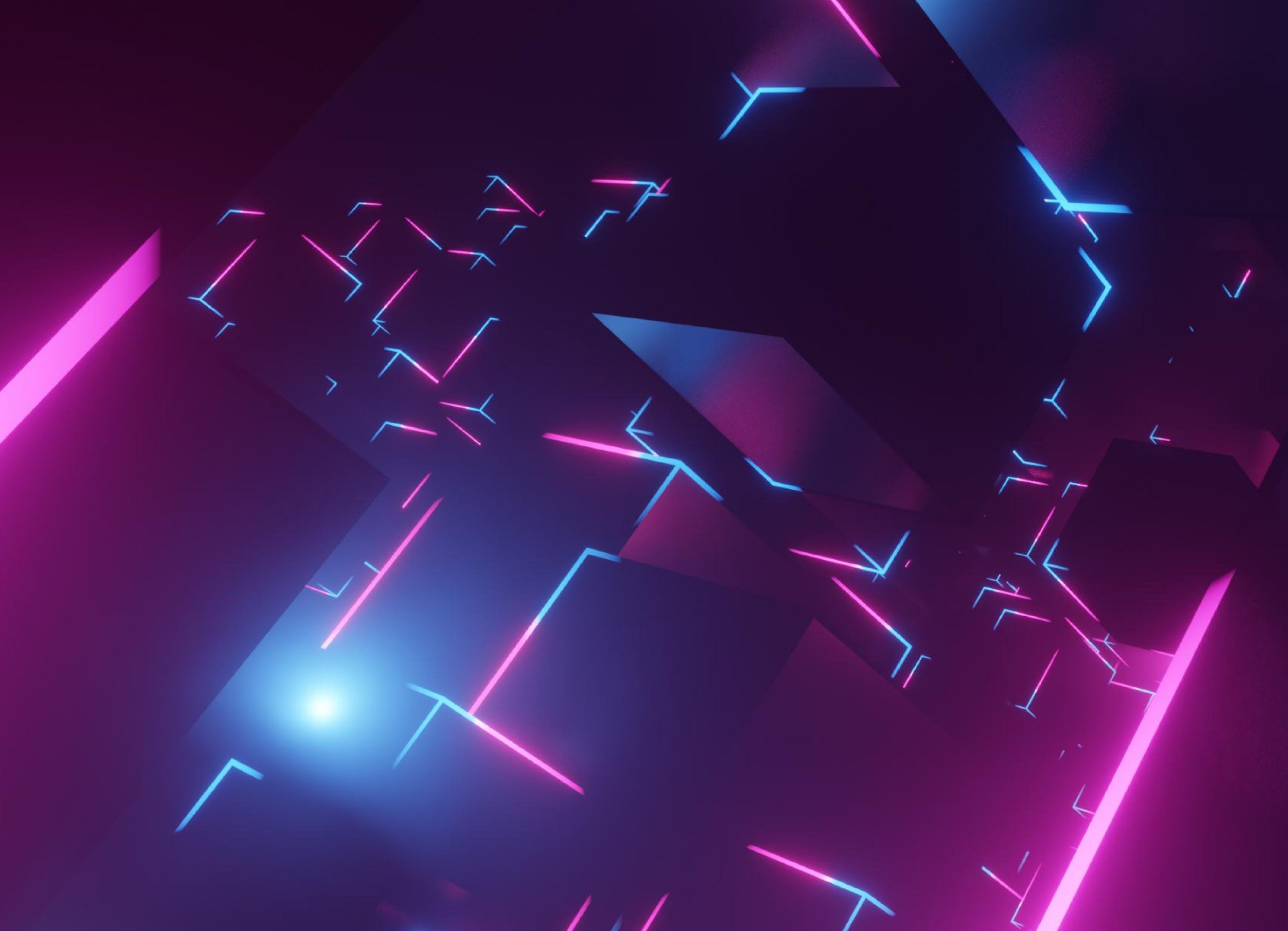


# REPORT

# Lighting the Path to AI + Beyond



# What an amazing event in Hong Kong!

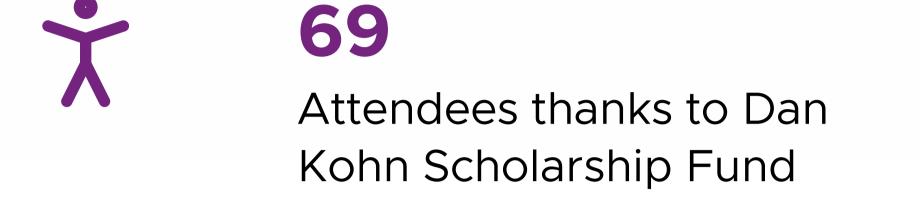
This year almost 1200 people joined us in Hong Kong and the momentum around cloud native, AI and open source was clear everywhere I turned. We were delighted to partner with the Open Source Summit again, and having Al\_dev China also contribute meant we were able to have even more critical and nuanced conversations around AI and open source.

Cloud native AI or CNAI as we are calling it, reigned supreme, and we saw examples of the innovation happening at breakneck speed across all the cloud native projects in China. In addition to our stalwarts like Kubernetes, Kubeflow and Kueue, it's clear many other technologies are emerging in the region that are eager to join CNCF and keep pushing the AI breakthroughs from prototypes to production. We're continuing to see more and more large language models and machine learning tools deployed on cloud native infrastructures, and I don't expect that to slow down anytime soon.





China is the second largest country contributing to CNCF accounting for 20% of our projects today - and traveling to Hong Kong and meeting so many enthusiastic maintainers and contributors personally was a powerful experience. I learned so much during my time, and it's been enjoyable to look back as we put this transparency report together for you. Please take a moment to read about all we accomplished together.







Priyanka Sharma

Executive Director, CNCF



### ATTENDEE OVERVIEW

It was fantastic to bring our China community together in person, with **1,192** people joining us in Hong Kong.

**OVERALL EVENT RATING** 

**#1 REASON TO ATTEND** 

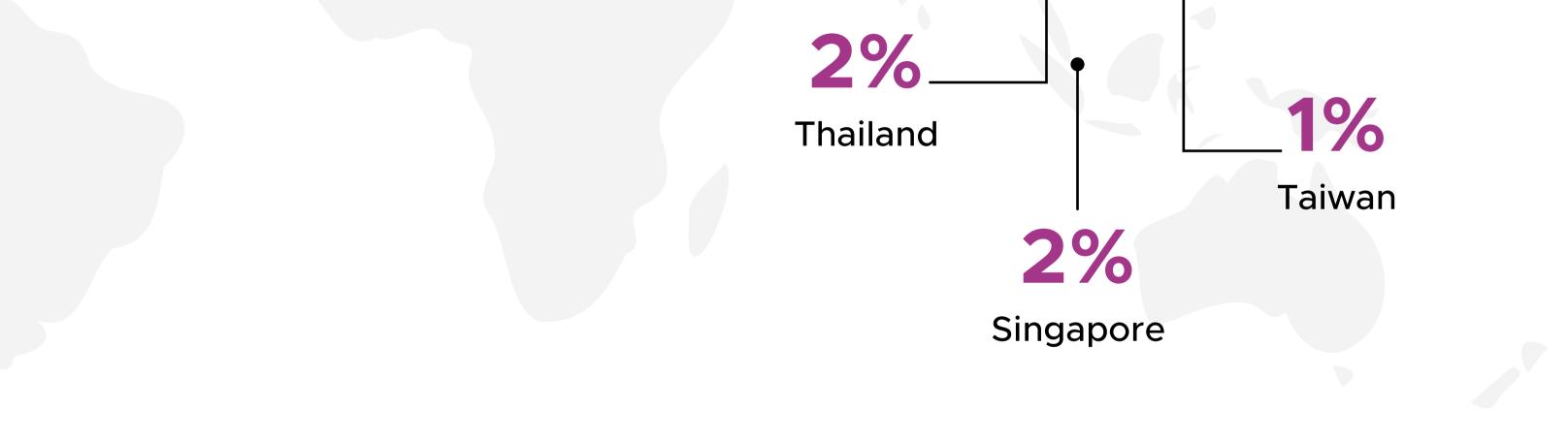
**#2 REASON TO ATTEND** 

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#### **TOP TEN COUNTRIES** 2% 70.5% Republic China\* of Korea \*Includes Hong Kong, Special administrative region of the People's 0.7% **Republic of China** 6% Canada / United Kingdom USA 2% 1% India Japan



#### **TOP 3 JOB FUNCTIONS**

DEVELOPER

272

| ATTENDEE JOB FUNCTION         | TOTAL | %           |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Architect                     | 246   | 21%         |
| Business Operations           | 34    | 3%          |
| Developer                     | 272   | 23%         |
| - Data Scientist              | 28    | 10%         |
| - Full Stack Developer        | 176   | <b>65</b> % |
| - Machine Learning Specialist | 18    | 7%          |
| - Web Developer               | 39    | 14%         |
| - Mobile Developer            | 11    | 4%          |
| DevOps / SRE / SysAdmin       | 217   | 18%         |
| Executive                     | 94    | 8%          |
| IT Operations                 | 47    | 4%          |
| - DevOps                      | 23    | <b>49</b> % |
| - Systems Admin               | 20    | 43%         |
| - Site Reliability Engineer   | 4     | 9%          |
| - Quality Assurance Engineer  | Ο     | 0%          |
| Sales / Marketing             | 69    | 6%          |
| Media / Analyst               | 28    | 2%          |
| Student                       | 21    | 2%          |
| Product Manager               | 45    | 4%          |
| Professor / Academic          | 13    | 1%          |
| Other                         | 106   | 9%          |
|                               |       |             |

#### ARCHITECT

246

**DEVOPS/SRE/SYSADMIN** 

217

#### YEAR OVER YEAR REGISTRATION

| ΤΙϹΚΕΤ ΤΥΡΕ                       | 2018  | 2019       | <b>2021</b><br>Virtual | 2023       | 2024        |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| TOTAL                             | 2,500 | 3,500      | 7,160                  | 1,910      | 1,192       |
| All Access Attendee               | 63%   | <b>46%</b> | 78%                    | <b>54%</b> | <b>49</b> % |
| All Access VIP                    | 5%    | 5%         | ΝΑ                     | 3%         | ΝΑ          |
| All Access Individual or Academic | 5%    | 8%         | ΝΑ                     | 10%        | 11%         |
| Speaker                           | 8%    | 9%         | 2%                     | 13%        | <b>19%</b>  |
| Sponsor                           | 3%    | 22%        | 5%                     | 11%        | 9%          |

| Media           | 10% | 2% | >1% | 2% | <b>2%</b> |
|-----------------|-----|----|-----|----|-----------|
| Virtual Keynote | ΝΑ  | ΝΑ | 17% | 7% | NA        |
| 1-Day Pass      | ΝΑ  | ΝΑ | ΝΑ  | ΝΑ | 7%        |
| 2-Day Pass      | ΝΑ  | ΝΑ | NA  | NA | 3%        |

### CONTENT

With 143 sessions, KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + Open Source Summit + Al\_dev China featured a diverse line-up of topics ranging from introductory sessions to technical deep-dives. **Talks are available now on our YouTube playlist**.

THANK YOU TO OUR KUBECON + CLOUDNATIVECON + OPEN SOURCE SUMMIT + AI\_DEV CHINA 2024 CO-CHAIRS





#### Paco Xu

DaoCloud Open Source Team Leader

#### Miley Fu

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WasmEdge DevRel

### CONTENT BREAKDOWN

### CAPTIONING **USAGE DATA**

The schedule was curated by conference co-chairs Paco Xu of DaoCloud, and Miley Fu of WasmEdge, who led more than 55 members of the program committee in reviewing 527 submissions to curate a relevant and educational line up. The schedule offered compelling content for attendees with all levels of technical background, and sessions were presented in either English or Chinese; captioning was available if translation was needed.

Total of 123 hours, 34 minutes using Wordly on attendees' mobile devices.

#### **TOP 5 LANGUAGES**

Talks are selected by the program committee through a rigorous, non-biased process, where they are randomly assigned submissions to review within their area of expertise. You can read the details in our CFP scoring guidelines and specifically about the selection process.





Chinese (Simplified)



**KEY STATS** 

527

24%

**CFP SUBMISSIONS** 

**CFP ACCEPTANCE RATE** 







**SPEAKERS** 

**TOTAL SESSIONS** 

## SPEAKER DIVERSITY



BREAKOUTS



11

MAINTAINER TRACK SESSIONS

CNCF enforces guidelines on gender and diversity equality among our speakers, including not accepting all-male panels.

| DIVERSITY                                 | %   |
|---|-----|
| Gender Minority Keynote Speakers          | 20% |
| Gender Minority Breakout Session Speakers | 20% |

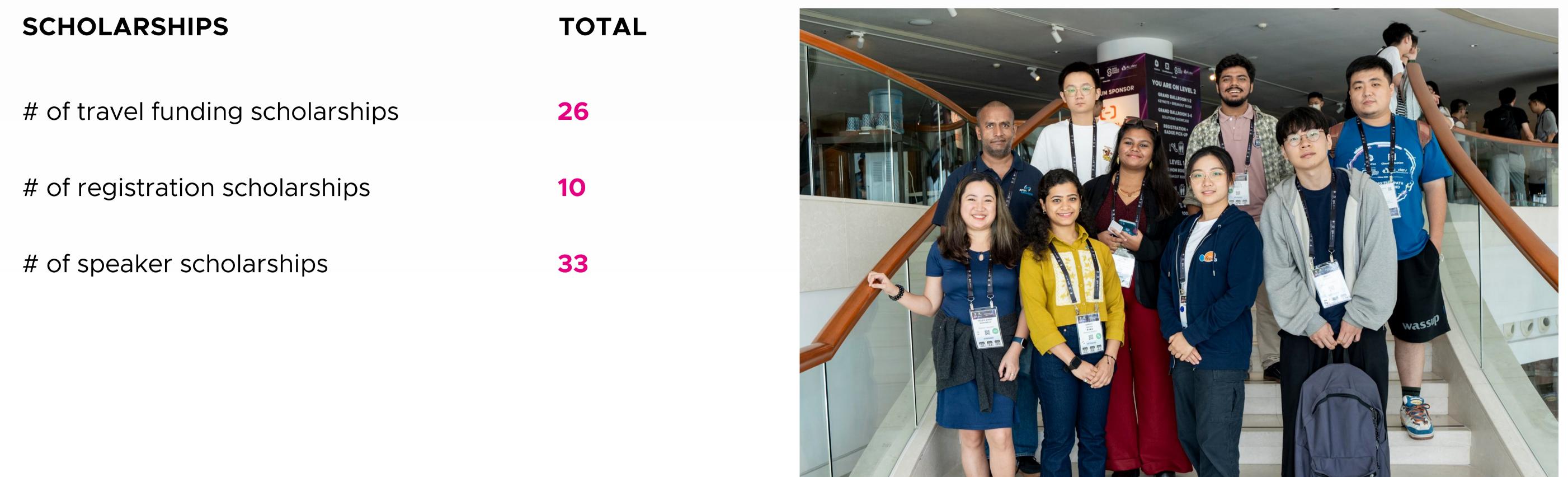
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SCHED.COM SESSION **RATING OUT OF 10** 

**KEYNOTES (INCLUDES** SPONSORED KEYNOTES)

### DAN KOHN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Dan Kohn Scholarship Fund provided opportunities to 69 applicants, including diversity, needs-based, maintainers, and speakers, to attend in person.



### DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSIVITY

The Linux Foundation and CNCF strives to ensure that everyone who participates in KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + Open Source Summit + Al\_dev feels welcome, regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, race, ethnicity, age, religion, or economic status.

Our commitment to cultivating a friendly, welcoming, and inclusive environment extends to the facilities and resources we provide at events. In Hong Kong, these included:

- Baby Care & Nursing Rooms
- Pronoun & Communication Stickers
- Complimentary onsite Child Care



EmpowerUs participants 15

# of Peer Group Mentoring + Career 5 Networking mentors

# of Peer Group Mentoring + Career 20 Networking mentees

#### **GOLD CHAOSS D&I EVENT BADGE**



Captioning available for keynote and breakout sessions

As part of our deep commitment to diversity, equity and inclusivity, we also hosted EmpowerUs - a networking break for attendees who identify as women, non-binary individuals, or allies, to have open discussions with fellow attendees about challenges, leadership innovation, and empowerment in our fast-growing ecosystem.

Awarded to events in the open source community that foster healthy D&I practices.

### MEDIA & ANALYST COVERAGE

**KEY STATS** 





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#### MEDIA & INDUSTRY ANALYSTS IN ATTENDANCE

19 reporters and analysts attended from leading Chinese technology and business publications including China-Daily, South China Morning Post, and osChina as well as leading Western publications and analyst firms including Reuters, ZDNet, ComputerWeekly, Diginomica, The New Stack and Gartner and Forrester.



#### **EVENT SESSION YOUTUBE VIEWS**

As of September 19, event session videos have garnered more than 3,390 views

369

Number of articles, posts, press releases, and blogs





# of members/sponsors contributing
to CNCF news package

#### **CHINESE COVERAGE SNAPSHOT**

OSChina, this event's marketing promotion and PR partner, provided the following Chinese Coverage Snapshot:

- Published a total of 22 posts related to the conference topic
- Reached more than 60 communities
- Produced 26 Weibo

- Received more than 900,000 views across OSChina accounts
- Received more than 1,145,000 across external media websites

#### **MEDIA COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS**

**Computer Weekly -** How open source is shaping AI developments

**ZDNet -** How open source is steering AI down the high road

**Diginomica -** KubeCon China - Don't say OpenAl say open Al

**ComputerWeekly -** The rise and rise of open source in China

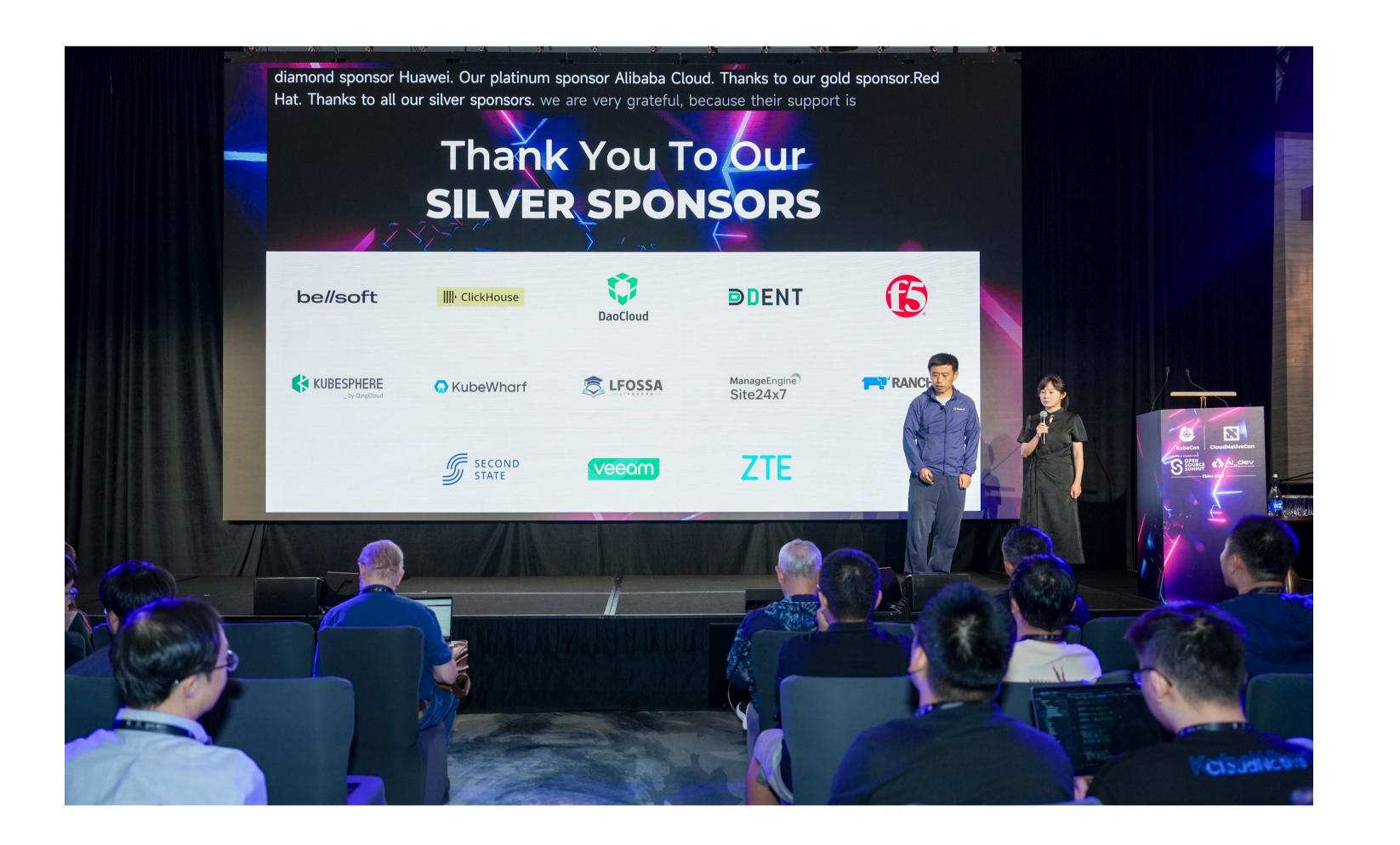
**ZDNet -** Linus Torvalds talks AI, Rust adoption and why the Linux kernel is the only thing that matters

#### INDUSTRY ANALYST COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS

**LinkedIn -** Charlie Dai, VP, Principal Analyst at Forrester Research

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon + Open Source Summit + Al\_dev China 2024 would not be possible without the support of our wonderful sponsors. And attendees agree with most attendees visiting the solutions showcase.



**#OF ATTENDEES VISITED THE SOLUTIONS SHOWCASE** 

87%

**BOOTH TRAFFIC** 

3,200

#### Onsite leads total

#### Onsite leads average/booth

200

200

| YOY SPONSORSHIP | 2018 | 2019 | <b>2021</b><br>Virtual | 2023 | 2024 |
|-----------------|------|------|------------------------|------|------|
| Strategic       | ΝΑ   | 1    | 1                      | 1    | 0    |
| Double Diamond  | ΝΑ   | 1    | ΝΑ                     | ΝΑ   | NA   |
| Diamond         | 4    | 2    | 2                      | 3    | 1    |
| Platinum        | 8    | 2    | 0                      | 0    | 1    |
| Gold            | 1    | 10   | 3                      | 1    | 1    |
| Silver          | 12   | 14   | 3                      | 10   | 13   |

| Start-up                | 13 | 12 | 5  | 3  | 0  |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| End User                | ΝΑ | Ο  | Ο  | Ο  | 0  |
| Marketing Opportunities | 4  | 12 | 2  | 1  | 4  |
| Total Unique Sponsors   | 38 | 42 | 14 | 18 | 16 |

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#### **MEDIA PARTNERS**



### THANK YOU

We hope you enjoyed reflecting on a great event in Hong Kong - let's do it again in Salt Lake City!

Your comments and feedback are welcome at <a href="mailto:events@cncf.io">events@cncf.io</a>

Check out our calendar for community events near you and don't forget to

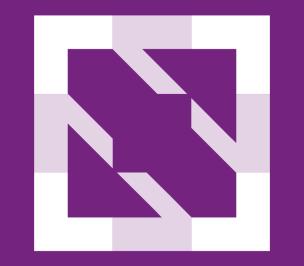
register for KubeCon + CloudNativeCon North America in Salt Lake City, Utah, November 12-15, 2024.





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We've worked hard to accurately report all aspects of this great event, but with all great events, things do change - media coverage increases, online views go up etc. so if you'd like to use any data from this report, make sure you reference the publication date of September 26. And feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or would like updated statistics in the coming year. Published by the Cloud Native Computing Foundation, September 26, 2024.