

The 9th Asia Pacific Networking Group Camp

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Introduction

I came to know the APNG Camp from the Lanka Internet Networking Group (LKiNG) which was founded as the APNG local committee in Sri Lanka. I must specially thank to Dr. Ajantha Athukorale, Mr. Sumith Gamage, Mr. Chamara Disanayake & Miss. Sagarika Wickramasekera for establishing LKiNG in Sri Lanka to share the knowledge among the community. As a member of LKiNG, I participated to the 7th camp which was held in Taipei, Taiwan for which I was offered a full fellowship to participate. I also participated to the 8th camp which was held in Singapore 2006 as a general registered participant. Thereafter, I gave my support to the APNG camp as an organizing committee member. This is my third consecutive participation to the APNG camps which was held in Sheraton Hotel, Xian, in China for which I was received a half fellowship.

Welcome to Xian

I arrived in Xian on 23rd evening, with four Sri Lanka members namely Mr. Sumith Gamage, Miss. Sagarika, Mr. Amaraweera & Mr. Isuru. We were given accommodation in Silk Road Hotel next to the Sheraton. We visited the Army Museum of Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses and Huaqing Hot Springs before the camp was started with other APNG friends who have arrived. Nine-dragon Lake, Five Room Palace, The Site of the Royal Bathing Pool, Furong Garden of Huaqing Place of Tang Dynasty were the most interesting places we have visited. All the APNG members gathered to the Silk Road hotel for the welcome party at the first night.



Activities of the Camp

The activities of the camp started after the Registration of participants by camp chair and the secretary of the APNG. Digital Archive workshop was the first event and there was a very interesting presentation from which I understood the importance of digital archiving for preserving of scientific, artistic and cultural digital contents. It was discussed about the projects such as Digital Beyond, Digital Monuments, China-US Million Digital Book which were very interesting.

Second day of the camp was opened by Mr. Tommy Matsumoto and he introduced the APNG to participant followed by co-camp chairs Xiaohui Shi and Sumith Gamage. Presentation “Introduction to Dot Asia” was presented by Mr. Ching Chiao and it was a new topic to all the participants. It was a great experience to me working as Internet Technology Working group chair. I should thank all the members of this group supporting me on this. I was presented the “Internet Technology Working Group Report” to the camp as the group leader. All the APNG participants are invited to join the APAN reception in that evening and it was a wonderful evening with the several Chinese traditional events and the dinner.

The third day of the camp we were divided into two tracks.

Track 1 -Internet Technology WG; E-commerce & Business Startup WG,

Track 2-Disaster Management & E-health WG, E-Learning & Live E! WG, Internet Culture & Blog WG.

At the end of third day APNG working group discussions and certificate awarding ceremony were held. We participated to the costume party in the evening which was one of the most interesting event in the camp.



We had Live-E project workshop on the fourth day of the camp, which was conducted by a team from University of Tokyo. We participated to the sensor network implementation process and data transfer work in this workshop. It was provided a lot of knowledge and experience to all the participants.

Team Building

Team building was a new activity for the camp suggested by Grandpa Mr. Tommy Matsumoto for sharing the knowledge and work among the fellows and general participants. All the participants of the camp was divided into five groups and were assigned topics which are given below,.

- Food & Drinks in Xian
- Transportation in Xian
- Entertainment in Xian
- History in Xian
- Culture in Xian

I was selected as the leader for the “Transportation in Xian” team. On the last day of the camp team members presented surveyed information with nice slides. Our team was selected as one of the most successful team and all the members of our team received valuable gifts.

Acknowledgement

I would like to thank great grandpa Mr. Tommy Matsumoto, Mr. Sumith Gamage & Mr. Xiaohui Shi, for doing a wonderful job in conducting this camp successfully. Further I wish to thank to the entire organizing committee working towards the success of this camp. I also like to thank to the Camp Committee for offering me partial fellowship to participate this camp and Kung and Barry for doing a great job as the secretary and the web-master. I must thank all the sponsors for supporting the Camp; we might not do this camp at success without their support. Finally thanks are given to all the participants and I would like to wish all the best for the 10th APNG camp in Thailand in next year.

