

Fellow report: 9th APNG camp

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Introduction:

I know APNG for last two years. I joined the 8th camp in Singapore last year. The excellence and success of the camp has attracted me to apply for the fellowship in the 9th camp again. I am very much thankful to APNG committee for granting me a partial fellowship. This camp is really an opportunity for us to share and gain new knowledge from all the experts around the world, who represent their enthusiastic success story. I was quite excited to make new friends, meeting old friends and gaining knowledge about the applications of modern internet technologies and different cultures.

Trip to XI'AN:

I reached XI'AN airport at around 1:20 am on 26th September. There was no direct flight from Dhaka to XI'AN. I had to make a transit of 5 hours in Kunming airport. In total it was only 4 (2+2) hours flight for me. My trip from airport to silk road hotel was little scary for me because of the communication problem. I have shown the map of the hotel to taxi driver, but he couldn't understand it. However, I have reached the hotel quite safely at 3:00 am. After that only the excitement to meet new friends from all over the world was left inside me. Next morning I meet almost everybody in the camp venue.

Expectations:

1. Gaining knowledge about state of the art activities in the internet technologies.
2. Presenting my research activities to the experts and get their feedback.
3. Making new friends and represent my own country (Bangladesh) to them.
4. Introduction with the culture of other countries in this region.
5. Getting some new research ideas.

Achievements:

The digital archive workshop on the first day was very interesting and resourceful. I am really impressed by the quality and amount of works done in this area. The presentation of Prof. Li Xiaoming about the WebDigest has attracted me most. The Disaster Management Workshop session has really enriched the camp. Sri-Lanka has some great achievements in using the technology to reduce the effect of natural disasters. I have enjoyed all the presentations on the 28th august. Prof. Li Xiaoming has discussed about the WebArchive and WebDigest technology again from applications point of view. I am very much interested to know more about this topic. The presentation by Mr. Ching Chiao about the .Asia was very interesting. All the presentation by other guest speakers was interesting and resourceful and enriched me with lots of knowledge.

Now, let's come to my expectations and achievements. I have presented my research paper and got some positive comments from the audiences. I am feeling more encouraged to carry on my research activities in the field. All the presentations and talks were rich in terms of contents and organizations. I gained some good knowledge about the modern activities in the internet applications and technologies in Asia Pacific region. My supreme

achievement in the APNG camp is all my old and new friends here. I feel proud to talk with grand pa Tommy San and Prof. Chon. Of course I remember the friendly and lively appearance of Sumith as the camp chair. Ms. Kung has maintained the secretariat very efficiently. It's hard to mention all the names of my camp friends here, but I remember all of them. I got some new ideas from this camp and already started working on that. Hopefully, I will represent them in the next camp.

Attractions:

The presentation of the groups about different topic of XI'AN was a pleasant and important addition to this camp. The informative presentations have enriched me with the culture, history, foods and beverages, transportation and attractions of XI'AN. The name of our team was "How Chee!!!", means delicious foods. Our topic was also the foods and beverages of XI'AN. Our Group achieved the first prize in the competition for the informative and attractive presentation. Another attraction of the APNG camp was the costume party. Everybody tried to represent their own country and culture by their costumes. I represented the youth group of Bangladesh and told everybody how we are changing and modifying our traditional dresses. Everybody liked the sweets from Bangladesh. Sweets are very common item in Bangladesh and it's the part to all our social and cultural festivals. I liked the costume party very much. It took out all the shyness and hesitation from all of us.

Suggestions for next Camp:

1. Inviting more keynote speakers from different fields of interest.
2. Inviting more participants from successful research projects in AP region.
3. Develop some collaborative projects between the regional camps.
4. Help and sponsor new local camps.
5. Following-up the ongoing projects after the camp also.

Final Words:

Finally, visiting XI'AN to attend APNG camp is a very precious and memorable experience for me. I enjoyed every moment of the camp. In the last day I became sad to say good bye to everybody. I wish to meet everybody again and again in the forthcoming APNG camps.