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9th APNG Fellow

Fellow report of the 9th APNG Camp

Introduction:

I get to know the APNG Camp from my friend and then I visit the APNG homepage for more information. Being a student at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), I am delighted to be selected by the APNG as a fellow and participate the APNG meeting. The 9th APNG Camp was held in Xi'an, the historical city of China from 27th to 30th August. I planned to go to Xi'an on 26th but there was no flight so I decided to leave for Xian on 25th August. It was also my first trip to the Xian city and China as well. I was so glad and looking forward to the start of the camp. After I arrived Xian, I met many APNG and APAN participants. They were all very friendly and we went for a trip to visit a temple together on the 26th.

Day 1 (27th August):

On the first day of the camp, I attended the Digital Archive workshop both in the morning and afternoon. The workshop was very interesting. It provided me an opportunity to meet many research professionals. Furthermore, it offered a great learning experience and helped me to better understand the orientation of the Digital Archive research.

The APNG prepared a welcome party in the evening. It was a great event that I could meet and interact with the other APNG participants. Tommy Matsumoto, the grandpa of the APNG was introduced to everybody then. Every participant was very friendly. I was very happy to talk and discuss with them. It was the wonderful moment that I could learn from them and share my experience with them as well. In addition, all participants are divided into four discussion groups. All participants enjoyed the party very much. The party ended around 10 pm with a wonderful smiling memory.

Day 2 (28th August):

On 28th, the camp started with the Opening of the camp chair (Xiaohui Shi) and followed by the grandpa of the camp (Tommy Matsumoto). The aims, objectives and visions of the APNG Camp were described. The chairperson of the five APNG workgroups (E-learning & Live E!, Internet Technology, Disaster Management & E-health, Internet Culture & Blog and E-commerce & Business Startup) introduced their activities and discussed with the other participants what are the plans for the future and the expected outcomes as well. The chair of the camp also initiated and encouraged the participant to start the local camp in their respective countries. All participants are invited to join the APAN reception in the evening. There was a wonderful traditional performance and food of Xian as well during the welcome dinner.

Day 3 (29th August):

The third day of the camp started with the fellowship presentations in the morning. Participants are requested to present and discuss within their interested workgroups. I was in the Internet Technology workgroup. I was so delighted to present my research (the so-call

DIP-MIP: Distributed Individual Paging Extension for Mobile IP in IP-Based Cellular Networks.) to the peers. It was also the moment that I could discuss and share my experience with the other participants in collaborative manner. All members in the workgroup also looked into the prospective future works that we could carry out for our respective countries and the Asia Pacific region as well. In the afternoon, all the participants are invited to a common room, where each group showed their impression of the Xian city to the rest of participants. Furthermore, we had taken a group photo of the 9th APNG Camp participants. The camp arranged the Costume Party, which each participant dressed nicely in their traditional dresses and performed something to show their invaluable culture and tradition. At the end, Tommy Matsumoto distributed the certificate to all participants.

Day 4 (30th August):

The last day of the camp was approaching. I wished that I still have more wonderful moment. We all were so sorry that Tommy Matsumoto could not attend the session today because he had to leave for Japan early. The last day started with the Live-E! Workshop, a joined workshop with APAN. Live-E was a collaborative project that collected and shared information for the benefits of the people in the Asia Pacific region. All participants are encouraged to join and start the project at their home countries. In the afternoon, all participants discussed the future of the APNG camp and comments on what we could do to improve the camp and attract more participants. The camp prepared a closing ceremony at the hotel where we were staying. All participants farewell each others event though we really enjoy the event so much and didn't want the camp to end.

Impressions:

It is a great pleasure for me to share my impressions of the APNG Camp. The camp raises the voice of and provides a good learning experience as well as practical hand-on for the young generation in the Asia Pacific region. This invaluable event offers an opportunity to participants to build social network, to interact with each others and to share experiences among the peer groups and professionals. The camp also motivates the participants to look into the future prospective of their respective countries as well as the Asia Pacific region. Coming from a least-developed country, Cambodia, it is a great opportunity for me to learn from the camp. I wish that you could share experiences obtained from the camp to the young generation in my country and initiate the local camp in the future.

Suggestions for the future APNG Camp:

- Award more fellows.
- Keynote speeches should be selected based on the topics to be discussed during the APNG Camp.
- A study trip should be arranged during the camp (eg. visit science museum, cultural museum, etc.)
- Hard copy of the papers presented during the camp should be made and distributed.
- APNG Sticker should be distributed to participants to promote the camp.
- Next committee selections should be made through elections or voluntary basis.

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*Wish the participants all the best.
Hope to see you all again in the next camp.
Thanks so much.*