



Report on:

10th Asia Pacific Networking Group (APNG) Camp

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Xi'AN China

First of all, I want to acknowledge the efforts of organizing committee of 9th APNG Camp for doing a wonderful job in holding this camp successfully in one of the most beautiful and ancient places in Xi'AN, China. This year fellows from more than 14 nations have participated with number of attendees almost equal to 50. This is because of great leadership of Mr. Sumith Gamage & Mr. Xiaohui Shi and great support from our great grand Pa! Mr. Tommy Matsumoto.

APNG Camp provided a great learning experience to all of us. This year, I was the working group chair for the "Internet Culture and Blog" so me and my group of more than 8 participants from different nationalities have learned the different views on internet culture and its growth in the Asia pacific region. Under this working group, APNG Blog (<http://www.apng.org/blog>) has been reinitiated and different categories have been created so that fellows share their ideas/comments/pictures/videos etc. and create a history of their activities and for this I should give full credit to Mr. Chiang Chaio for not only motivating us towards using the APNG Blog but also giving us a new idea of ".ASIA". The APNG Secretariat Ms. Suphitsara Boonrat (kung) has done a tremendous job in keeping us up to date all the time regarding the preparation of APNG Camp activities. The APNG Welcome Karaoke Party, Costume Party and Team Building exercises were very well executed except for few short comings in regarding Muslim (Halal) Food and planned tours.

Keynote speeches from the technical/industry professionals were highly practical and well-informed. The Dembo Project Presentation and Live-E practical exercise opens new horizons for young fellows. Fellows from developed and under-developed countries have gained direct benefit from this pool of professional knowledge and experience.

In the end, I want to say good luck to our new 10th APNG Camp Chair and organization committee. I would also like to share a few recommendations which I feel will further strengthen the upcoming APNG Camps.

Recommendations for future Camp

1. All keynote speeches were presented in one day. These speeches should be spread over all days. The first session of the day should be dedicated to them.
2. The question & answer sessions should be given more time because this is the only way fellows get a chance to clarify their thoughts and queries.
3. As it has been decided to increase the camp duration from 4 to 5 days, I believe we should not segregate different groups and all the participants should listen to all the presentations rather than their own working group. So that we can benefit from a wide spectrum of knowledge
4. In the last camp (8th APNG) for the very first time some papers were published in the local workshop. This time no booklet of publication is distributed to the participants. This activity should start again in the next camp. Proper template should be provided in the start while announcing CFP.
5. A technological visit may be arranged for the participants that should reflect the country achievement in science and technology.
6. APNG website should be revised and restructured so that it provides updates on a timelier manner.
7. We should market APNG camp in different countries and mailing lists as this will help not only to grow the APNG Camp size but will also increase the motivation of local presence of the APNG in every country.

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