

# APNG The 9<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Next Generation Camp 27-30 August, 2007 at Xian, China



*Post Camp Report – By Myat Thander Tin – Myanmar*

## Introduction

APNG is introduced me by receiving the email forwarded from AIT Myanmar Family mailing list. When I click the APNG website, homepage highlights a great opportunity of knowledge sharing in the Asia Pacific Region in order to get a quality of life for next generation. I chose E-commerce & Business Startup Working Group. A unique affordable and workable E-commerce plan has designed for my motherland, Myanmar to share my knowledge with young fellows from Asian Pacific Region. I am so glad to be selected as a partial fellowship. I asked my husband to register as a general participant because he is a Chinese and he is also very interested in networking technologies.

## Objectives

Specific goals of attending APNG are established as follows:

- ❖ find research opportunities between Mahidol University International College and Asia Pacific Networking Group
- ❖ discuss about future directions in information technologies trends
- ❖ analyze Internet culture and the online community
- ❖ undertake studies and reports on economic, social and technological development issues, policies and strategies of Asia Pacific region.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2007

As flight schedule, we got to Xian and stayed at the Xian Silk Road Hotel. So this is the time to explore the Xian city to learn history, culture, lifestyles and food.

## 26<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2007



We visited Wild Goose Pagoda Temple, Clay Factory, Banpo Village Remains and the Museum of Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses with APAN participants.



## 27<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2007



We have an opportunity to join “Digital Archive of Human Civilization” on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2007. When I came into the Sheraton Hotel I saw that “One world, One Network” poster, I assumed that this is the time to share our knowledge to get a better quality of life for everyone on the world. Different issues have discussed in the

respect of future archiving technology trend for next generation. During APNG welcome dinner, Grandpa, Tommy-san and chairman, Sumith Gamage, explained about APNG. Xiaohui Shi, local camp, gave welcome speech to Xian. Then each participant has introduced. I understand more about APNG and I felt that a great dedications from Grandpa for next generations for Asian Pacific region. Team has set up and assigned with a very interesting topic to learn more about Xian. As being a team one member, my leader is Tin Liu, local camp from Xian. Our team name is “**Food is God**”. Our topic is “**History and Culture of Xian**”. Tin Liu is a student from Xian so our team has a great leader.

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APNG camp has started with Welcome Speech by Grandpa Tommy-san. Each working group chair presented about their respective theme. Keynote speakers shared very interesting topic. Prof . Kanchana Kanchanasut explained about “**Dambo Project**”. This project is very useful for post disaster management from zero infrastructures. Mr.Ching Chiao’s son voice “**I love Internet. Please make it better for me**” strengthens my beliefs for APNG to **build the innovative Next Generation in Asia Pacific**. Mr.Ching Chiao introduced .asia. At the Opera House Dinner, traditional Chinese performance and cuisines enjoyed as Xian is legendary as ‘the capital of table delicacies’. The ancient city is famous for the delicious Shaanxi snack and various kinds of fashionable foreign delicacies.

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There are two tracks. Internet Technology WG, E-commerce & Business Startup WG will be discussed by Track One and Disaster Management & E-health WG, E-Learning & Live E! WG, Internet Culture & Blog WG will be discussed by Track Two. Being a member of Track One, my presentation is about implementing a website which can personalize wedding package for Myanmar. From technological and ecommerce perspectives, my country has



very limited infrastructures. So my proposed plan should be aware of these limitations and at the same time it should be workable and beneficial one to bridge up the digital divide in the Asian Pacific Region. We discussed E-commerce issues and perspectives from different countries. Then most exciting time came up, “**Costume Party!**” When I entered to the third floor of Dumpling Restaurant, our team leader, Tin Liu was wearing a traditional Chinese King costume. This is my first time to join the APNG costume party and I am very interested to see each participant’s country’s unique costume. For Myanmar performance, Water festival dance has chosen in order to share good wishes to each member for having prosperous futures. I had a great time on that day and it was Memorial Day for me.

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LiveE project has explained, installed and tested with sensors and server. Then our team one visited to “The Shaanxi History

Museum” to learn Xian’s History and Culture and Civilization. Then closing camp dinner has celebrated at Silk Road Hotel.

### **Suggestions for the next camp**

- ❖ Invite more members and participants to the 10<sup>th</sup> Camp
- ❖ Invite keynote speakers with respective to each working group
- ❖ Make information available and transparent to the right person at the right time
- ❖ Collaborate with more partners
- ❖ Make more social gatherings, visits and events

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