

Participant Report on 9th APNG camp 2007



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The 9th APNG camp was held in the historic city Xian, China from Aug 27th-30th, 2007. Being a first time participant of the camp, I have realized APNG camp is a perfect blend of learning with fun. Participants were exposed to the technological advancement in the various fields of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) while at the same time efforts were being made to understand multi cultural ethos and develop inter personal skills through cultural events and team building exercises. I would like to this opportunity to congratulate our 9th camp organizing committee members to make it a successful event.

As a member of disaster management group, I am highly benefited from my participation in the camp. The presentations and demonstrations on projects such as Live E! DUMBO and Sahana enriched our knowledge on different applications of ICT for disaster management. Fruitful discussions were made for implementation of such projects in other countries and positive response was felt in that direction. Moreover, lecture on Web Digest and Internet History Museum by eminent guest lecturers was quite interesting. Furthermore, the work done by local camps such as Sri Lanka to promote APNG activities through social service is really appreciable. I believe such an approach will definitely help society and mark APNG presence to grass root level.

Apart from APNG camp activities, the sight seeing in the historic city of Xian was an unforgettable experience. The terracotta soldiers were amazing in their antiquity and uniqueness. The traditional downtown of Xian with a bell tower in the geographical center and encircled by City wall (UNESCO World Heritage site) was a historical experience of Chinese architecture.

I would like to conclude my report with a few suggestions which may be useful for future APNG camps.

- 1) APNG is represented by young students and researchers working in various field of ICT. A workshop on paper writing will help them to master paper writing skills and will be useful for future research.
- 2) Effort should be made to publish the APNG papers in the form of proceeding. This will help to raise the quality of APNG papers as well as will encourage young participants to send quality research to APNG.