

9th Asia Pacific Network Group (APNG)camp 27th -30th August 2007 in Xi'an China Post camp Report



Five member team Sri Lanka left for China on 23rd August 2007 to participate the APNG 9th camp comprehending 26hours of fascinating air trip. I have herd and read about china still remains vivid remembered as socialist friendly nation close to our hearts . I was extremely happy to hear that I was selected as a partial fellow for the 9th APNG camp.

Since I have got selected for fellowship for the 5th camp held in Cairns, Australia,. I was able to give the leadership and opportunity to train others for future camps. 9th camp was really on success due to best performance and team work under the guidance of Xiouhu and Sumith.



Objective

While participating this camp I was able to fulfilled following Goals.

- **Technological gain** : There were many interesting speeches and as well as fellows presentations Mainly the fellows presentations were on two tracks and I was participating Disaster management and internet culture track.
Digital Archive and Live e-presentations were the most interesting presentations for me which was in the APAN track. I was able to gather more knowledge and compelled plan more collaborative event with other countries. Hence I am leading the Disaster Management Workgroup I felt good number of participation with very enthusiastic members from different countries. We look forward enhance disaster management actives with the mutual help . Live e and Dambo project was a prominent event which followed very sound lectures.

- **Cultural exchange:** According to my past experience I was looking forward for costume party where we can see the different cultural exchange visible.
- **Social Network:** There were participants from 14 different countries and the interesting thing is after the camps most of the people are in touch with others.



Chinese dinner



We had several dinner outs where we had tasted real Chinese foods. In My country we have Chinese restaurants rich with own Chinese delicious. I am happy that I was able to learn few Chinese songs from my Chinese friends.

Suggestions for Future APNG camps

- With the working groups sessions in two different tracks it seems we missed lot of interesting presentations.
- Long duration camp
- More team building activities and it should continue in every camp
- Tracking the former APNG fellows and get the help from them for future camps, such as finding sponsors, organizing events., get help for local camps

Appreciation



I would like to thank all the camp committees, Secretary and everyone in the camp who helps this event in success. My special thanks our leader and the grandpa Mr. Tommy Matsumato who perform excellent job of guiding us to make this camp the success. Guidance itself enriched the total success.

I winding up my report wishing you all the best to the new camp committee who would do better camp in Thailand.