

9th Asian Pacific Networking Group Camp Report

By - Sumbul Khawaja - - Pakistan

Experience:

9th camp at Xian was my first time to be at APNG. The camp provided a platform for the leaders of Asian Pacific region to come forward and build future for the next generation. It provided opportunity to meet people from different countries. It was pleasure meeting various people with different culture & experience, share ideas and exchange views with them. Digital Archive Conference on Human Civilization and APNG Welcome Drink were held on the very first day. Conference sessions were conducted in the morning whereas welcome drink party was organized in the evening together with dinner. Tommy Son (Grandpa), Sumith Gamage (9th APNG Camp Chair) and Xiaohui Shi (9th APNG Camp Chair) welcomed us all and also explained about APNG. Team building activity was introduced. My team's topic was "Entertainment in Xi'an" and our group was headed by 'Bon Bon'. 2nd day started with the presentations from Keynote speakers followed by briefing of working group chairs about their Working Groups (WG). Furthermore, Prof. Kanchana explained about DUMBO Project which could be helpful for disaster management. Prof. Li Xiaoming gave wonderful presentation on "Web Archives to Web Digest" and enhanced the concepts which were given during Digital Archives Workshop on 1st day. ".ASIA" this new term was introduced by Mr. Ching Chao. Day ended with traditional Chinese performance and cuisines at Opera House.

29th August was reserved for "Working Group Presentations". The presentations were continued in two different tracks. **Track 1 (Internet Technology WG; E-commerce & Business Startup WG) and Track 2 (Disaster Management & E-health WG ; E-Learning & Live E! WG; Internet Culture & Blog WG)**. My presentation was on "Multi Hazards Early Warning & Their Response Systems in Pakistan". At the end of all presentations, we had working group discussions. Our group chair was Sagarika

Wickramasekera. We discussed the road map regarding future activities of our working group's. Then it was the most exhilarating time for Costume Party at 'Dumpling Restaurant'. Participants from each country were in their traditional costume. Country wise each group performed in their traditional style. Being Pakistani, we were in our National Dress and sung a Pakistani patriotic song. It was really great time and remarkable too. On the last day, Live-E project was explained and Live-E server was installed. Moreover, team building presentations were given by all teams and finally camp closing ceremony was performed @ Xi'an Silk Route Hotel.

Major Attractions:

- ❖ Karaoke @ Xian Silk Route
- ❖ Opera Performance representing Chinese tradition and culture with the cuisine served.
- ❖ 'Costume Party' at Dumpling Restaurant.

Suggestions for Next Camp:

- ❖ To have more participation from AP region
- ❖ More strong team building among participants
- ❖ One or two workshops can be organized to encourage team building
- ❖ Trips to the famous places of city should be organized.
- ❖ Working group presentations can be organized in such a manner that every fellow can attend presentations from all the fellows.

Acknowledgement:

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the camp chairs and camp committee for giving me chance to attend this event and share my knowledge and experience. I would also like to thank Grandpa Tommy Son for extending his priceless knowledge and experience. I am indebted to my entire fellow participants for being so nice and cooperative.