

Report on 9th APNG Camp

The 9th APNG camp was held in Xi'an, China from Aug 27th -30th, 2007. As a PHD candidate in the field of network technology, it's my honor to first join in this big family and I really gained a lot during this Camp.

Following the aim of the Camp, which is to encourage the next generation and the next-generation-at-heart to join the Internet society, where in the future they will play a leading role, in this camp our participants got new ideas or perspectives about Internet and discussed about several important issues of Internet in AP region and the development of APNG. At the same time we also played together happily and communicated every interesting thing with each other.

During these days we had the chance to discuss the Digital Archive with experts and had a wide view about internet new technologies including Web Digest, DUMBO Project, traffic monitoring and so on through keynote speeches given by professors from Thailand and China. And we fellows also gave presentations about our research work respectively and had a hot discussion. The atmosphere in APNG is so free and active that we can exchange our ideas open and benefit much from it.

We met many friends here and had a good knowledge of their countries by free communication and meaningful team building. The costume party was really very interesting. We dressed in our traditional clothes, sang and danced, having a good opportunity to show our different cultures.

As a local fellow, I am very happy that I can give my available help to friends from other countries. And I think more local fellows in the next camp will give more advantages for the camp.

To have a better APNG camp in the future, I have some suggestions:

- 1) In order to arrange dinners properly, it will be better to ask the food habits of people from different countries especially for religious men before the camp.
- 2) I think we can arrange a period of time during the camp for every country's team to give an brief introduction about their country (culture, daily life, education, technology, network development...) for further understanding.
- 3) Work groups can be mixed to give presentations and have discussions together in order to have more communication.
- 4) It will close the relationship between members and attract more visitors to our website if we put the records of the camp including pictures, videos, presentations and the contact information of participants together and give a link for its download.
- 5) We can create a reporting team consisting of part of participants to write down the reports or take photos, and paste them on the blog zone of our website everyday during the Camp.

At last, I wish to thank to APNG organizers and workers under the great leadership of our great Grand Pa Mr. Tommy Matsumoto. Hope to meet you all in Thailand in 2008.

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