

Report of 9th APNG Camp

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1. Preface

The 9th APNG Camp was held in Xi'an China in August, 2007. It is a successful and wonderful camp, in which participants enjoyed and communicated with others. This is the second time for me to participate in APNG Camp. Also, I am very lucky and honored to join the camp preparation.

2. Activities

All activities in the 9th camp went very smoothly throughout the whole camp. However, we modified the schedule for many times, even though during the camp. What we desired to do is to ensure the success of the camp, as well as to make this camp interesting and exciting.

We had 4 days in this camp. Besides the traditional presentations (keynote speeches, sponsor speeches and participants' presentations), we tried to join and hold some workshops during this camp. We joined or held the following workshops: Digital Archive Workshop, Disaster Management Workshop and Live-E Project Workshop, which were very instructive and helpful to APNG participants. All speeches, presentations, discussions in APNG Camp, as well as APAN workshop, are a source for all participants to get familiar with some current Internet technologies and architectures in Asia Pacific Region. Moreover, participants had active discussions about a myriad of key technologies, even policies.

In addition, we had costume party, in which we communicated with each other to transfer various cultures, etc. We must thank those participants who gave good performances and those who provided special presents.

Team building is another activity which we tried for the first time. All participants are separated into 5 teams. Each team was assigned a topic (Xi'an History, Xi'an Transportation, Xi'an Food, Xi'an Life and Xi'an Entertainment). To build teams, team members must work together under the leadership of team leaders. Each team decided to do some surveys to finish its topic. It was substantiated that team building is fully successful according to its purpose.

3. Experience

This is my second time to participate in APNG Camp. Also, I participated in the camp preparation. I learned a lot during the camp preparation, which is my first time to join international event. I tried hard to learn everything associated with camp preparation. Hope I can do better in future.

Admittedly, we encountered a lot of difficulties, including logistics and other issues. Of course, we tried our best to overcome them and ensure a successful camp.

I must thank Sumith and all other camp committee members who taught me a lot. Meanwhile, I should thank Executive Committee (especially Mr. Tommy Matsumoto), secretaries (Kung and Barry), etc. I also would like to thank all people who helped us before and during the camp.

4. Suggestions

- 1) It will be much better if we have some records or CD of the camp, including the participants's contact, all activities during the camp, important papers and presentations, etc. Such things will record the whole camp for a long time.
- 2) We might hold more activities after the camp, such as APNG blog or forum. Perhaps it is very useful for us and those who cannot come to camp.
- 3) I think that we can do more in WG. As we see, we just discussed for a short time in the camp. Perhaps we can add more time for WG discussion in the next camp. Also we can continue our discussion after the camp. Even, we can develop the WGs to several workshops (tracks) to focus on various issues.
- 4) It was a good experience to participate in APAN workshops. The most important thing is the latest Internet technologies. If time permits in the next camp, we might invite more keynote speakers who are in different areas of Internet.
- 5) If possible, more Internet and Communication projects in any country are expected to be introduced in the next camp.

5. Summary

The 9th APNG camp is beneficial to me via many aspects. Some are presented as follows.

- 1) learn a lot during the camp preparation
- 2) get to know many friends from various countries
- 3) discuss some important issues with other participants and get some new ideas or perspectives
- 4) different culture

I am very happy and lucky to organize and participate in the 9th APNG Camp. It is a wonderful experience for me. In conclusion, I think that the APNG camp is very helpful for me. And thanks a lot to all people in the 9th APNG Camp.

Now I am looking forward to the 10th APNG camp. Best wishes.