

**Asia Pacific Networking Group (APNG)
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Open Letter from the Chair of APNG

Beijing, China

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Dear friends and colleagues,

I hope this letter finds you in good spirit and health. As we are celebrating a fruitful 2010 and welcoming the next decade of APNG, I wish that you could help spend a brief moment and think about how to make APNG / APNG Camp a better community organization. As the Chairperson, I feel obliged to elaborate what I have in mind so let me try to take the lead on this.

APNG (Asia Pacific Networking Group) is among the first few Internet organizations in Asia Pacific region. The APNG Camp, as many of you know, was designed for the “Next Generation” by the pioneers of the APNG. In the past few years, the focus of APNG has been on Camp related initiatives. The level of participation and enthusiasm has been overwhelming. With generous sponsors like APNIC, ISOC, KISA, JPIX, NTT-West, DotAsia, numerous city governments and academic institutes in Asia, and 100+ other entities that I am not able to make a full list here, we have brought over more than 1,000 participants from all over Asia to join 12 Camps in the last 9 years!

Most participants are in early 20’s when they first join the Camp. They meet international friends, explore regional and local issues thru their peers, and collaborate on research topics or develop community projects utilizing Internet / web technology. The Camp experience is always exciting and unforgettable. Participants as well as the alumni network of APNG Camp form the future foundation of Internet development in Asia. I myself am one of the proud Camp alumni, a genuine APNG “product”.

With great history and pride in this organization, I am finding ways to rejuvenate APNG. The ultimate goal is to develop a mechanism to transform the energy and excitement of the youth into long-lasting projects that can benefit the community as a whole. Therefore, after consultation with past Chairs and

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executive members of APNG and Camp alumni, I'd like to take this opportunity to offer a few ideas of the future of APNG / APNG Camp:

- A. I plan to collaborate with the past Chairs, particularly Tommy Matsumoto, the Honorable Chair of APNG, and Prof. Kilnam Chon, and community partners / supporters like APNIC, ISOC, KISA, DotAsia, etc., on evaluating whether APNG should become a formal registered entity. Possible options and approaches will be evaluated, and later put together in a proposal to be tabled during the upcoming AP* Retreat meeting on Feb. 20, 2011, in Hong Kong.
- B. The 13th APNG Camp will be held in Hong Kong on 21st to 24th of Feb., 2011. This Hong Kong camp goes after a huge success of the 12th Camp in Hiroshima, Japan, and everyone in our community is gearing up for this. The 13th Camp committee, chaired by Dr. Kondo Tohru (University of Hiroshima, Japan) and Dr. Tin Liu (Xi'an Jiao Tong University, China) and joined by members from 10 countries / territories, has been working diligently on designing the program and making selection of fellows. This APNG is unprecedentedly unique because:
 - It is the 1st camp held in Hong Kong, a regional tech and trade hub;
 - It will be held jointly with APRICOT-APAN meetings, which will be literally the largest Internet meeting in 2011;
 - It will run hand-in-hand with NetMission.Asia program and Youth IGF meetings.
- C. For the Hong Kong camp and long-term development of APNG / APNG Camp, new round of fundraising activities will begin shortly. APNG has been running on tight budget, mostly in a case-by-case basis. From now on we will seek for and accept annual sponsorship / donation for our works and activities. In brief, there are three aspects:
 - Main APNG Camp will be held in a 12~18 month interval, along with APNG executive meeting.
 - Local APNG Camp will be held in a more frequent basis, preferred every 1~2 month, hosted and made possible by local camp members with seed / partial funding and support by APNG and our community partners. Currently we have active local camps in Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Myanmar, Philippines and Sri Lanka. We target to restart or launch 5 to 7 more in 2011. Leaders of local camps are also working together on developing a general guideline for local camp organization.
 - Aside from self-defined research topics and community initiatives, local camp participants will commit to collaborate on two community projects:
 - i. Internet Museum of Asia (IMAsia): a wiki-like website with integration of social networking and mobile features so

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participants would be able to publish text, audio, video files to record historical and ongoing events about Internet development and movement in Asia;

- ii. AP Online School (APOS): an online e-learning platform for Internet knowledge education and promotion. Ideally to work with regional organizations such as APNIC, APTLD, ISOC regional chapters, regional NOGs, and university computer / network centers in Asia to establish a shared-license digital archive of workshops and seminars for educational purpose. Tutors / Speakers shall be able to produce and publish course series using the APOS platform.

I hope that those ideas make sense and are interesting, worthy for your further consideration and support to APNG at a greater level! To me personally, this is very excited and challenging new direction. I believe someday, hopefully soon, that these would be useful to those who study about Internet technology or application in our region, and also a meaningful and invaluable eco-system for the Camp participants as the community volunteers. Please feel free contact me at any time at ching.chiao@gmail.com for comments and suggestions. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Ching Chiao
Chair, APNG

Take Action Today!

SUPPORT APNG IN 2011: HELP 50+ VOLUNTEERS ATTEND THE 13TH APNG CAMP IN HONG KONG, RUN 10+ APNG LOCAL CAMP EVENTS, AND KICK-OFF IMASIA AND APOS PROJECTS. MONETARY / IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE IS HIGHLY CUSTOMIZABLE TO MEET YOUR ANNUAL CSR GOAL. CONTACT SEC@APNGCAMP.ASIA FOR DETAILS.