The Importance of Youth in Developing Internet Infrastructure in the Asia Pacific Region



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Impact of APAC

As of January 2023, there were **5.16 billion** Internet users worldwide, which is **64.4 percent** of the global population.

As of 2022, Asia was home to the biggest number of online users worldwide—over **2.9 billion** at the latest count.



Statista and Kepios, February 24, 2023

Youth of APAC

As of 2022, APAC Internet usage was higher among individuals between 15 and 24 years old—over **2.1 billion** or around **73 percent** of its total online users.

APAC Internet usage among individuals between 15 and 24 years old represents approximately **26.2 percent** of the global population.



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Role of Youth

The Internet has become an integral part of our daily lives, connecting people, businesses, and governments around the world.

To ensure the continued growth and success of the Internet, it is crucial to prepare the next generation for building and maintaining Internet infrastructure.



Role of Youth

Young people can bring fresh perspectives, creativity, and innovation to Internet infrastructure development.

By fostering a culture of innovation and creativity among young people, we can create a more dynamic and adaptive Internet infrastructure that meets the needs of the future.



Role of Youth

Staying up-to-date with the latest technologies is critical to Internet infrastructure development.

Young people, often more tech-savvy than their older counterparts, can enhance the performance and security of future Internet infrastructure and stay ahead of the curve.



Youth Initiatives

Do our youth initiatives align with the needs and interests of youth Internet users?

Youth initiatives mainly focused on technology, engineering, or Internet governance may not necessarily address the needs and interests of a broader range of youth Internet users.



Role of APNG

The role of the Asia Pacific Next Generation (APNG) in youth empowerment is leveraging new technologies and online platforms to engage with and empower diverse youth populations in the Asia-Pacific region.

Exploring our fast-evolving world, mediated by new technologies, more freely with the next generation can help ensure that youth in the region are prepared to thrive in an increasingly digital and interconnected world.

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Role of APNG

Delving deep into online user communities and cultures can also help us better understand the needs and interests of youth in the region and identify opportunities to engage with and empower them.

By bringing more diverse youth populations together and creating opportunities for youth from different backgrounds to connect and collaborate, APNG can help break down barriers and foster greater understanding and inclusivity in the region.

Role of APNG

Empowering diverse youths with our vision for the Internet in the Asia-Pacific region can help inspire and mobilize young people to take action toward creating a more positive and equitable future for themselves and their communities.



- **1. Inter-Asian Collaboration**
- 2. Inter-Sectoral Collaboration
- 3. Inter-Generational Collaboration



Inter-Asian Collaboration

- Provide a more diverse pool of mentors to help mentees gain exposure to a broader range of perspectives and approaches.
- Offer additional resources, such as training or networking opportunities, to help mentees build their skills and connect with others in their field.



Inter-Sectoral Collaboration

- Incorporate more voices from under-represented communities to ensure a truly inclusive and inter-sectoral approach.
- Provide opportunities for participants to develop initiatives and projects that address issues related to equity and access to technology.



Inter-Generational Collaboration

- Create more structured and formalized mentorship programs that provide ongoing support and guidance for young Internet leaders.
- Offer more opportunities for participants to collaborate on projects and initiatives that have a tangible impact on society.





Camp	Year	Month	
1 st	2002	February	
2 nd	2002	August	
3 rd	2003	February	
4 th	2003	August	
5 th	2004	July	
6 th	2005	February	
7 th	2005	August	

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Bangkok, Thailand
Shanghai, China
Taipei, Taiwan
Busan, Korea
Cairns, Australia
Kyoto, Japan
Taipei, Taiwan

Participants (Countries) Fellows (Countries)

(8)	0	(0)
(10)	0	(0)
(8)	0	(0)
(4)	0	(0)
(16)	15	(10)
(20)	25	(16)
(18)	20	(12)



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Camp	Year	Month
8 th 9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th 13 th	2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011	July August August July July February
14 th	2012	August

Singapore	40
Xi'an, China	60
Bangkok, Thailand	10
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	63
Hiroshima, Japan	174
Hong Kong	50
Seoul, Korea	60

Venue

Participants (Countries) Fellows (Countries)

18	(11)
28	(13)
93	(22)
40	(17)
47	(21)
30	(16)
26	(16)
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ONLINE EDUCATION

Initiatives, applications, or Internet technologies that enable students, teachers, parents, and school administration to make online classes more effective and efficient. These include tools, software and processes used for online learning, webinars, online workshops, conferences and expos.

HEALTHCARE

Health-related initiatives, projects, and Internet technologies that mitigate and improve the condition of individuals and organizations as they address the pandemic. These include programs implemented to help ease the unexpected influx of patients in hospitals and efficiently manage limited resources.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Initiatives, projects, and Internet technologies that help develop startups and transform existing businesses to adapt to the new normal and be locally and globally competitive. These include new ways of utilizing social media for business delivery and continuity and consumer safety and convenience.

TECHNOLOGIES AND POLICIES

Other ways and means by which private and public organizations have adjusted their traditional operations in order to protect and ensure safe and secure online implementation of policies and procedures. These include blockchain, digital badges, online payments, and online donation platforms.





Keynote Speech Toward "Un-Wired" with Internet-by-Design Dr. Hiroshi Esaki



Attack and Defense for the New Normal: Healthcare and Educational Institutions as Examples Dr. Benson Wu





Artificial Intelligence and Medical Imaging Informatics in Healthcare: Opportunities and Challenges for Low Resource Countries Dr. Bishesh Khanal





Thriving in the New Normal through Digital Transformation: The Philippine National Police Experience PLTCOL Ma. Angela Salaya

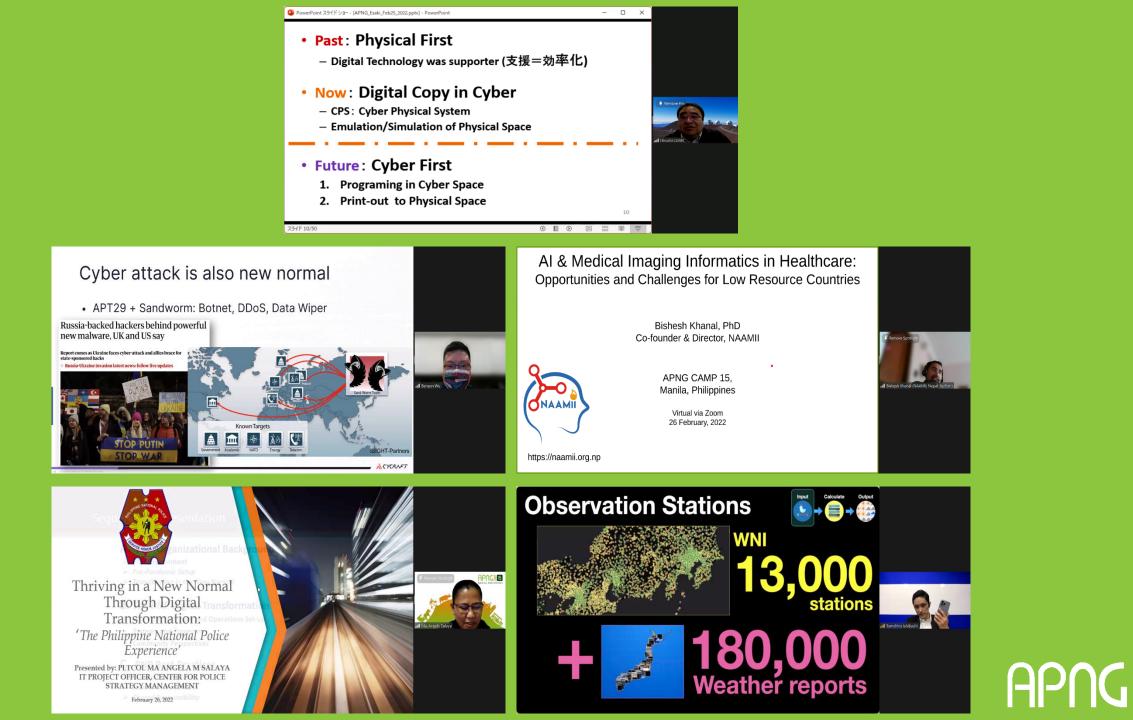




Making Weather News More Accurate and Responsive: The Power of Technological Innovations and Human Supporters Tomohiro Ishibashi









VIXION: A Low-Bandwidth Solution to Inclusive Online Learning with AI Proctoring Psylocke Antonio

Online Oral Assessment Support System for Large-Scale Japanese Speaking Courses Abroad Yuka Kataoka

> Role of Library on Community Development in Myanmar Thant Thaw Kaung

> Pro, Cons, and Security Issues with E-Learning Platforms Alice Lau

Form Development Technique in Product Design Education Ketan Madan Chaturmutha



Twitter Data Classifier Web Application: How Twitter Data Can Create Value for the Government Gian Lloyd Jacoba

A Predictive Study on the Relevance of Twitter in Disaster Risk Management Karisha Marie Presillas

Analyzing Twitter Sentiment for Forecasting Cryptocurrency Market Movement Using Machine Learning John Laryn Corsino





Web Application to Monitor the Risk of a Stroke Karstn Paul Ancheta

A Recommender System for Philippine Healthcare: A Data-Driven Approach in Contraceptive and Maternal Health Ryan Matthew Neil Tomelden

> **Development of the Contact Tracing Management Information System (CTMIS)** Jan Keith Campus

> > **ConnectCare** Nabeel Quadri

EDUCHIEL: Integration of Mental Health Practices in Students' Educational Habits through Machine Learning Phoenix Antonio



Machine Learning-Based Physical and Mental Health Aid with Systematized Records



"Portable Library for Students in Remote Areas"

By Extended Hands (Psylocke Antonio / Kalpesh Chaudhari / Alice Lau / Yuka Kataoka / Mendana Kere)

- We, "Extended Hands" focused on a problem of educational inequality of children in remote islands. Our NGO group "Portable library" will extend our hands to help them to ensure a quality of education and promote inclusive education.
- "Portable library" has three main features: 1) distribute offline/online network & devices for remote areas, 2) promote the importance of education especially in the remote areas/to our target audience, and 3) foster inclusive education.
- As an action plan, we will start our activity by following 3 stages 1) pilot run in our target area, 2) NGO-to-students stages to provide offline education, 3) NGO-to-student stage to provide online education







Bridging the gap between technical industry players and investors in preparation for the technological future of Asia. #Inclusivity





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APNG at APNIC 50

New Normal Life with AI on the Internet

September 2020

- **1. AI and Connected Health Now and Beyond the Pandemic** Sam Goundar
- 2. Future of Cybersecurity Through Autonomous Systems and Human-AI Collaboration Benson Wu
- **3. Business Process Automation with RPA and CHATBOT** Khan Md. Anwarus Salam



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- 4. Travel Safely around our World with 'TheSafeCheck' Novel AI Technology for COVID-19 Travel Policy Joan Lai
- 5. How AI Can Feed 5 Billion People In APAC Miller Rajendran
- **6. Artificial Intelligence in Medical Diagnosis and Patient Care** Dihan Morawaka



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Languages on the Internet

March 2021

- **1. Towards a Multilingual Internet** Satish Babu
- 2. Why Silicon Valley is Worsening the North / South Digital Divide and How to Fix It Divon Lan
- 3. The Recent Work on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) in South and East Asian Scripts and Especially in Sinhala Harsha Wijayawardhana



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Languages on the Internet

March 2021

- 4. Preserving the Existence of Indonesian and Local/Traditional Languages Through Speech Technology Amalia Zahra
- **5. Thai Speech Recognition Technology and Linguistics of a Tonal Language** Kwanchiva Thangthai
- 6. Language, Language technologies and Internet: Context of Nepali Language Birodh Rijal



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September 2021

- **1. AI-powered eService for Discovery of Medical Knowledge: Application to COVID-19** by Jeffrey D. Saffer
- 2. KhunLook: A Personal Health Record on Your Mobile Phone Kunwandee Sripanidkulchai



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September 2021

- **1. New Paradigm Shift in Teaching-Learning Process with the Pandemic** Dr. N. Sudha Bhuvaneswari
- 2. Pursuit of Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education for All Abdul Matin Sheikh
- 3. The Adoption of e-Learning, m-Learning and HyFlex During a Pandemic: An APNIC Academy Perspective Peter Blee



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Post-COVID New Normal: Work from Anywhere Sumith Gamage (July)

Cybersecurity Tips for Post-COVID New Normal Benson Wu (August)

Digital Transformation and RPA Journey Kashif Adeel (October)

Application of Blockchain Technologies: Research and Practice Sam Goundar (November)

How to Build Your Own Chatbots Anwarus Salam (December)



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Small Business Entrepreneurship Challenges via Social Media Nalin Abeysekara (August)

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Innovations in Robotics, AI and Industry 4.0 - The Cloud Perspective Kennedy Okafor (December)



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Machine Learning Applications in Food Engineering Dr. Gururaj H L (February)

Mobile Edge Computing: Architectures, Applications and Challenges Dr. Anand Nayyar (April)

Cybersecurity in IIoT Towards Industry 4.0 Dr. Kalika Suksomboon (June)

Blockchain for the Internet with Trust Dr. Kotaro Kataoka (October)



Challenges

- 1. Fundraising
- **2. Volunteer Base**



Education + Empowerment

Education and empowerment are critical for the youth in this digital age.

We must maintain the original spirit of the internet, apply valuable lived experiences to other newly emerging technologies, and fight against various forms of inequity, particularly the digital divide. By doing so, we can ensure that technology remains a tool for progress, equality, and positive change.



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