

Dear APRICOT Team,

My name is Thu Zar Soe, and I am one of the Fellows from Myanmar. First of all, I would like to sincerely thank you for selecting me for this valuable opportunity. It is truly an honor to be part of the program. I attended the Master Class: Advanced BGP Workshop, APRICOT Fellows Skills Workshop, Conference Sessions, and many other sessions throughout the event.

During the Master Class: Advanced BGP, the instructors provided very clear, practical, and insightful explanations. Their teaching helped me broaden my knowledge beyond my current level and significantly strengthened my technical understanding. The lessons were delivered in a very practical way, and during the lab sessions, the instructors were always supportive and ready to assist whenever we faced difficulties. I truly feel that I have improved both technically and professionally through this class, especially because the knowledge gained is directly applicable to my current job. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the instructors for their dedication and guidance.

APRICOT Master Class Graduation Social was also a wonderful session. It was a joyful and memorable event where I even had the opportunity to dance with participants from other countries. I am very grateful for organizing such a wonderful graduation celebration for us. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks for the Fellows Dinner. The foods were delicious, and it provided a great opportunity to connect with other fellows and made new friends from different countries.

APRICOT Fellows Skills Workshop was especially beneficial for me. Through the interactive activities and group discussions, we learned how to communicate more effectively in English in international environment. The workshop covered useful topics such as how to structure conversations effectively, how to use linking words appropriately, and how to present ideas clearly and confidently.

These lessons significantly enhanced my confidence in both speaking and presenting. We also collaborated in groups to prepare presentations, which further strengthened my teamwork, cooperation, and presentation skills. I truly value and appreciate the inclusion of such meaningful and practical sessions, as they provided hands-on experience and real opportunities for personal growth.

APRICOT Dinner night was another highlight of the event. I was impressed by the thoughtful details, especially the personalized name leaves prepared at the entrance. The photo sessions created lasting memories, and the Indonesian traditional dance performances were beautiful and welcoming. The food was excellent, and I truly appreciated the careful preparation for participants with allergies, which made everyone feel comfortable and well cared for.

The Conference sessions were highly valuable and inspiring. I attended many interesting and informative talks that broadened my perspective and provided insights into future areas of study and professional development. The topics were relevant and enriching, and I gained a great deal of knowledge from the speakers.

APRICOT Closing Social was also a fun and memorable experience. I enjoyed spending time with friends, sharing conversations, and participating in the games and activities. It was an exciting and joyful way to conclude the event.

I also really liked the venue and the hotel arrangements. The venue was excellent, and I had the opportunity to try a wide variety of delicious Indonesian traditional foods, fruits, and drinks. The hotel was comfortable and well organized, and I sincerely appreciate the thoughtful arrangements made for us throughout the event.

One of the most meaningful aspects of this experience was the opportunity to build friendships with participants from other countries. We shared many conversations, explored together, and created many unforgettable memories. I also learned about different cultures and others, which made the experience even more enriching.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude once again for selecting me as a Fellow. Through APRICOT 2026 APNIC 61, I gained valuable knowledges, new experiences, very lovely friendship and meaningful connections that will greatly benefit my future career, and I gained many experiences that I can share with my colleagues. It was a truly memorable and rewarding journey for me. If there is an opportunity in the future, I would be honored to participate in the Fellows Program again. Thank you very much APRICOT Team.