

APRICOT2026 Fellowship Report

I am deeply honored and grateful to have been selected as a Fellow for **APRICOT2026** held together with **APNIC61** in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 4 to 12 February 2026. The fellowship awarded by **APRICOT** provided me with an incredible opportunity to learn, connect and grow professionally in the Internet operations community. Participating in **APRICOT2026** was an unforgettable and life-changing experience. The combination of technical learning, professional skill development and international networking created a truly comprehensive learning journey.

The event included technical workshops, masterclasses, professional development sessions and a three-day conference. Participants from many countries gathered to exchange knowledge, discuss emerging technologies and strengthen collaboration across the Asia Pacific region.

This fellowship was a transformative experience for me. It expanded my technical knowledge, strengthened my professional skills and allowed me to connect with experts and peers working in the field of Information Technology and Communications. The fellowship program was extremely well organized and supportive from beginning to the end. We received continuous guidance, encouragement and assistance throughout the entire event.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the fellowship coordinator **Mr. John Rattray**. His dedication, organization and constant support ensured that all fellows had a smooth and meaningful experience. His efforts played a major role in the success of the fellowship program.

During APRICOT2026, I participated in the MasterClass titled “**Practical Virtualization with Hybrid Strategies.**” This masterclass provided a strong understanding of modern virtualization environments and how hybrid infrastructure can be designed, deployed and managed effectively. I learned how organizations combine on-premise systems with cloud platforms to build flexible and scalable infrastructure. The sessions covered architecture design, resource management, performance optimization and practical deployment strategies. Through hands-on activities and real-world examples, I gained a clearer

understanding of how hybrid solutions support reliability, cost efficiency and business continuity.

The instructors were highly knowledgeable and supportive. I sincerely appreciate the dedication and guidance of **Mr. Hervey Allen, Mr. Carlos Armas, Mr. Brian Candler, Mr. Patrick Okui** and **Mr. Paul Ooi Cong Jen**. Their clear explanations, practical demonstrations and interactive teaching methods helped me understand complex technical concepts in a simple and effective way. I now feel more confident about applying hybrid virtualization strategies in real-world environments.

After completing the masterclass, we participated in the **APRICOT Fellow Skills Workshop**. This workshop focused on building professional and communication skills that are essential for working in the global Internet community. From this workshop, I gained valuable knowledge about effective communication, public speaking, collaboration and professional engagement. We practiced presenting ideas clearly, working in teams and sharing technical knowledge with confidence. The workshop also helped us understand how to actively participate in technical communities and contribute meaningfully to industry discussions.

I am very thankful to the tutors who guided and supported us throughout the sessions **Mr. Aftab Siddiqui, Mr. William Stockbridge** and **Mr. Terry Sweetser**. Their mentorship helped us grow not only as technical professionals but also as confident communicators and community contributors.

The conference was one of the most exciting and inspiring parts of APRICOT2026. It featured keynote talks, technical presentations, policy discussions and community sessions covering a wide range of topics in Internet operations and infrastructure. I learned about current industry challenges, emerging technologies, Internet governance, routing security and the future direction of network infrastructure. Experts shared real-world experiences and innovative solutions that broadened my understanding of how the Internet ecosystem continues to evolve.

The conference also provided excellent networking opportunities. I had the chance to meet and interact with many professionals working in Information Technology and Communications. These included network engineers, researchers, infrastructure specialists and policy experts from different countries. These

interactions helped me learn about real operational environments, regional challenges and practical approaches used by industry professionals. Networking with experienced personnel gave me new perspectives and inspired me to continue developing my skills and contributing to the Internet community.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the APRICOT Program Committee and the Fellowship Committee for selecting me and providing this valuable opportunity. Their dedication to capacity building and knowledge sharing plays a vital role in strengthening the Internet community across the region.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Chair of SANOG, **Mr. Rupesh Shrestha**, for his continuous encouragement and support for regional collaboration and professional development.

I am sincerely thankful to APRICOT for awarding me this fellowship and providing such an enriching opportunity. I deeply appreciate all instructors, tutors, coordinators and organizers whose efforts made this experience possible.

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