Greetings Everyone,

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I would like to begin by expressing my deepest gratitude to the APRICOT Committee for selecting me as a Fellow of the APRICOT 2025 Program. This opportunity provided me with an opportunity for participation in hands-on training, attend engaging lectures, and create an opportunity to make a network with industry professionals.

I was fortunate to be awarded the APRICOT2025 fellowship, which provided me the extraordinary opportunity to fully engage in a week-long journey of skill development, networking, and learning through a variety of seminars and conferences. This report reflects the plethora of knowledge and enriching experiences that I have acquired, which I believe will substantially improve my professional capabilities and contributions to my organization and community.

APRICOT (Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies) is a renowned event that concentrate on Internet Operations and Technologies in the Asia Pacific region. I participated in the Practical Advance BGP masterclass.

As a participant of **APRICOT Workshop**, I learnt:

1. **New Technologies:** We learned about multiple new tools for network & prefix monitoring from the Workshop such as RIPE & BGPMon which will help us to improve our day-to-day activities and increase efficiency.

2. **Best Practices:** The Workshops often covered best practices in BGP Network Management, Configuration, Optimization, and Troubleshooting. We learned the strategies for enhancing Network Performance, Ensuring Reliability, and Mitigating Security Risks occurred in BGP. Additionally, proficiency in the best practices of BGP, which will not have any adverse effects on the global routing table.

Furthermore, we learned an in-depth knowledge of the various BGP attributes, had practical experience with how attributes are applied in live networks, and performed path optimization using these attributes in a given specific scenario. Also gathered knowledge on ROA & RPKI with their verification method.

3. **Industry Trends:** Presentations and discussions on current trends and challenges in internet operations and technologies are a common feature of APRICOT masterclasses. Internet governance, regulatory developments, data privacy, policies, and the effects of emerging technologies are a few examples of such categories.

4. **Skill Development:** Technical deep dives into the particular tools and technologies as well as practical training sessions were provided by the skill development workshop. The skills and proficiency of attendees in their daily work can be improved by this hands-on experience. Additionally, this assessment test will boost the participant's confidence in their ability to operate in their professional working field.

5. **Networking Opportunities:** In order to foster cooperation and knowledge exchange, participants had the opportunity to network with peers, industry leaders, and experts. Attending events like APRICOT also building professional connections which can be very beneficial for job advancement and information

retention of knowledge.

The session on **soft skill development** was outstanding! Every trainer, including Terry, Aftab, and Tashi, gave their best effort. That session benefited all of the APRICOT Fellows a lot. Regarding our professional development and skill enhancement, I'm emphasizing a few important factors which I had learned from the **Soft Skill Development** Training:

• Proficiency in Effective Communication

• Managing Critical Incidents

• How to Converse with Management

• Developing Relationships with Customers

• Emphasizing Leadership Capabilities

• Decision Making

• Event Management

For professional development and success in in various fields, each of the above areas are crucial. Gaining proficiency in these areas can improve our effectiveness, output, and overall satisfaction with our work. Finally, the overall Program was excellent!

The venue was excellent; it offered an environment that was favorable for networking, collaboration, and learning. Additionally, the accommodations, food, and hall were all outstanding.

Overall, the event was quite beneficial and encouraging. Participating in the program gave me imperative hands-on experience, a better grasp of essential technologies in Advance BGP, and increased my confidence in handling complicated infrastructures. Attending APRICOT for the first time in person was a memorable experience.

The networking aspect of the event was quite significant. Meeting industry leaders from diverse backgrounds helped build strong relationships and emphasize the value of teamwork in networking. In summary, the event inspired and pushed me to become more involved in the community, while also providing me with new skills that will benefit my own career.

In conclusion, APRICOT 2025 was an exceptional event that made an indelible effect on me. I left feeling inspired, knowledgeable, and motivated to utilize what I learned in my daily work. I am grateful to the organizers, speakers, sponsors, and fellow attendees for making this experience unique. I am eagerly look forward to attend future APRICOT events and continue to be a part of this vibrant community.

Thank you,

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