

## The 15<sup>th</sup> Working Trip to Rongshui, Guangxi (7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014)

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On 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Dr. George Wong led five students (Samson Pung, Martin Wong, Peter Ng, Marcus Wong and Leo Poon) to Guangxi province. This trip aims to examine the geographical condition of the construction site and to communicate with the contractors to tackle the issues arising. The construction of the Dabao Community and Cultural Centre was in a halt owing to inconsistency between the actual levels of the footings to these in the original design.



Fig. 1: The team is having a meeting with the contractor.

The team arrived at Nanning, Guangxi on Saturday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> June. Next morning, the team met the contractors to discuss about the possible solutions of the problem and the approximated cost. Ideas of amendments required were also presented in the meeting and our team made progressive discussion with the contractor. Mr. Chan, an experienced site engineer from Hong Kong, also gave invaluable advice on our project. In the afternoon, the team set off for Rongshui Miao Autonomous County and prepared for the expedition to Dabao Village on the coming day. The team was received by Mr. Meng, the Person in Charge of a community service Centre in Rongshui.

The next day, the team embarked on the journey to Dabao Village. The team conducted leveling and took aerial photos of the construction site. We also paid a short visit to Mr. Lee, the headmaster of the local school.



Fig. 2: The team is conducting site visit to the Dabao Community and Cultural Centre which is under construction.

On Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, the team visited a vocational training school in Rongshui. it is where Gewu Building, the second building of Project Mingde, is located. The team conducted a class visit with the companion of three social science students (Julia Chan, Minnie Kwan and Daisy Mark) from HKU, who would stay in Rongshui and teach in that school for the coming two weeks. That afternoon, the team had a friendly basketball match with the local students.



Fig. 3: The visit to the Rongshui Vocational Training School.



The team retrieved important information about the local construction environment and notified the contractor of the issues arising on this trip. After the students return to Hong Kong, they will continue to make amendments to the drawings; the team will also endeavor to communicate with the contractor and the architect for the coming phases of the project.