

The Seventh Working Trip to Guigang

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The seventh working trip to Guigang was led by Dr. Ryan C.P. WONG & Dr. Alex S.H. Lau together with 3 students from Project Mingde, all of which were from the Department of Civil Engineering. The objectives of this trip was to observe progress made on the construction of the toilet, forming discussions regarding various ongoing construction/maintenance projects.

The first day mainly consisted of discussions with the school principle as well as the local contractors. The discussions for the day started off with the construction of the toilet. After observing the progress made, the outer wall, including the façade work of the toilet was mainly completed, with the finishes were slowly being applied. What required further clarification was the installation of a handwashing sink as well as the implementation of an environmentally friendly flushing system.

Afterwards we moved onto discussing the items requiring maintenance for the school in Dabao Village, with many of the proposed works well accepted and understood by the local contractors. Details regarding the up and coming Project Mingde Summer Camp in late July/ August were also discussed, as to give an idea to the local organizers what may have to be prepared.

There was solid progress made on the construction of the toilet, with the outer wall of the toilet already completed. Not only were we happy with how the façade work came out, we were also happy with most of the finishing installed inside the toilet. However, there were slight disagreements regarding the choice of door material used for the guard house as well as individual toilets.

In the second day, discussions continued to take place at the school, mainly to further discuss the details for the summer camp. Afterwards, we consulted with the principle for a new proposed classroom layout, with the principle giving positive feedback. The students also carried out some quick surveying works to better locate the toilet to be constructed. Doing so will allow us to have a better representation of the entire school site after the construction of the toilet. After the meetings concluded, the locals invited us to join them in picking lychee as they were currently in the harvesting system.

The night time of the second day consisted of the return to Hong Kong.

List of team members for the trip:

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