

The trip to Daping and Tengcheun was a fascinating experience for me as this was the very first working trip since I joined in Project Mingde.

Being a first-year student, I joined the project team of Daping last semester and hope this can be a chance of learning beyond classes. When I came to the meeting before the trip, I was assigned to assist the electrical team. At first, I was afraid that I could not handle such work because of my insufficient knowledge in practical engineering. However, after the presentation and introduction given by some senior members, I am able to understand the drawing and engage myself in the discussion.

On the second day of the trip, we travelled a lot and eventually arrived Daping. I have a special feeling before arriving the Daping Primary School as I only used to read those drawing and pictures rather than touching the actual bricks and steel. Therefore, when I first see the actual teachers' dorm, I felt excited and amazed. I realised how engineering techniques and knowledge can be put into practice even though we are still university students. Although I may not find myself useful all the time, I enjoyed the progress of learning when other team members are discussing with the construction manager. Tried to learn their soft skills and how an engineering construction plan is presented.

The second part of the trip is to the Tengcheun, which I would call as a fast-developing village. I was being told that a nearby bridge was still at the beginning stage of construction two months ago and it is in use during our trip. I was surprised by their efficient work but I also afraid that the bridge may not be strong enough to withstand another flood. Members from the Tengcheun bridge prepared various possible schemes with very detailed plans. Although there is only one scheme being adopted, I was impressed by their hard working in calculation while fulfilling the safety standing not only in mainland China but also in Hong Kong.

The trip offered me fresh insight as I now learnt more about civil engineering, how it is about and how is the future career in this industry. Moreover, I believe this trip also broaden my horizon in viewing the development of the mainland China. Definitely, this trip benefited me a lot.