

Reflection on Completion and Handover Ceremony of Mingde Jundi Teacher Dormitory

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This is my first trip in the Project Mingde. We helped in the Handover Ceremony of Mingde Jundi Teacher Dormitory. After the ceremony, we visited Tengchuen Bridge.

After one-day bus trip to Rongshui, we took another few hours to Daping village for preparation of the ceremony on the second day. Before the ceremony, I visited inside the three-storey Mingde Jundi Teacher Dormitory. The design is modern with using of lines crossing each other. Also, the milky white wall is tilted inward near the balcony. The whole building really stands out among houses in the village. During the ceremony, we promoted our past projects to local villagers. The dancing performance from the primary students was lovely. The music performance from the villagers was spectacular. Finally, the dormitory handed over from the donor to the Daping primary school. We all had a great moment in the handover ceremony.

After the lunch in Daping village, a part of students visited the Tengchuen Bridge. Professor Tham explained to us the failure reason of the Tengchuen Bridge. The failure was mainly caused by the shallowed foundation of the bridge. The soil erosion by the flooding exposed the foundation in the river. The centre piles of the bridge were cashed by impacts of logs. Luckily, the bridge formed an arch profile supporting itself. Therefore, the bridge did not collapse instantly.

The spirit of Project Mingde is to apply engineering knowledges and to help the people in needs. I would love to work on the coming projects of Mingde and sustain the spirit of Mingde in the future.