

Reflection of study trip to Guigang

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During this study trip to Guigang, I had the opportunity to not only observe the progress made on the primary school toilet, but also to sit in on discussions regarding various ongoing projects in Project Mingde.

Being the second time coming to Guigang, I was able to observe the progress made on the toilet construction since last coming. The huge difference in the looks of the toilet showed how much effort was put in by the local contractor. Furthermore, having Dr. Ryan C.P. Wong and Dr. Alex S.H. Lau walk us through the various aspects of the construction that has been completed was certainly very enlightening, and allowed me to take in a lot of real world knowledge in regards to Civil Engineering.

As I was responsible for creating some of the drawings for the toilet's environmentally friendly flushing system, it was very productive carrying out discussions with the local contractors in regards to the practicalities of implementing such a system. They definitely opened up my eyes in regards to what would and wouldn't be feasible in practice.

These meetings also gave me an opportunity to present some of the proposed maintenance works for the Dabao school, these discussions also allowed me to better understand the local contractors may adapt under different circumstances.

In conclusion, this trip not only provided a fruitful experience in reapplying theoretical knowledge learned in lectures into real life. It also gave me a good opportunity to practice my mandarin in explaining any proposed works, and to forming productive discussions with the local contractor.