

## **Reflection on Experiential learning programme in Vietnam**

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In this project, as an assistant resident engineer, I learnt a lot in different aspects of the project. First and the foremost, I learnt a lot of methods applied and gained experience in different stages. For instance, I learnt that how to cast a reinforced concrete. In reality in Hong Kong and Vietnam, they all have different methods on casting concrete. I also learnt that how to bend the steel bar to form the rebar with some simple tools. I even learnt how to drill a hole by using the two hose apparatus that cannot be seen in Hong Kong. Another thing that I learnt is the management of the construction. I learnt that during the construction or the process, there must be some obstacles and challenges that everyone has to face. It will lengthen the time for the construction and it will damage your schedule and plan of work. At the same time, it also taught me that everyone in the construction has to be alerted. We have to alert on the challenges that we faced and we have to give the corresponding method or solution to solve the problem. We have also to be alerted that any accidents could happen anytime anywhere in the construction site. Even a small incident can affect the sequence behind the process. Furthermore, communication is vitally important during the construction. Client, consultant and contractor have to communicate and compromise well when deciding any decision about the construction. Finally, although the structure has been built now, we have to stay alert on it as there may be defects or corruption in that building. We have to maintain the quality of the structure for many years. Project Mingde provides me a meaningful project that gives me an unforgettable experience. I will join again if it provides these kinds of programmes.