

This is my first time joining the trip to Daping, it is a memorable experience for me such as increment of knowledge and reflection of hospitality.

I get familiar with the project and this prompt me to get involved in the project even more. As I am a year 2 student of civil engineering and I am not familiar with the design and knowledge such as design of columns or beams based on loadings we applied to the floor. Although I read and prepared some materials about the project design before the trip, it was hardly to follow what contractor and engineer said during the discussion. Because of the trip, it made me further understanding the details and requests of the design such as designs of doors and windows connecting to balcony. Also, it was found that there were some difficulties when designing the teacher dormitory, sewage system of toilet in particular. I would like to get myself contributed to the project and help them in Daping project.

Daping primary school is in remote area that we need to take shuttle bus for few hours. Although Daping primary school is in Daping village, the route going to Daping village is rugged and long. For example, there is around 20 minutes from Daping village to nearest village by shuttle bus. It is difficult to go to school regularly on foot or using transportation, so students and teachers need to live in school which is lack of places for residential usage. Comparing to Hong Kong, most of the roads, but not all, connecting to school are smooth and comfortable. It is convenient to take public transports to everywhere. Therefore, it make me to treasure our lives in Hong Kong which is more comfortable than there, it also prompt me to help them.

During the trip, I realized that we did not only come to help people, but also learnt from the project. As mentioned before, I am not familiar with knowledge of mechanic. I could learn knowledge not only in the book, but also out of book such as practical skills of design and construction. Also, the cultures of design and construction are not different between Hong Kong and China. By discussion between contractor, students from GuangXi University and the University of Hong Kong, I can learn more about cultures and characteristics of construction and design so it can broaden my knowledge towards civil engineering in China.

People there were nice, enthusiastic and hospitable to take care of us. They dined and shared lots of local cultures and experiences with us such that we seemed like their friends. Whereas younger generation in Hong Kong, many teenagers and adults , but not all, are indifferent to people who are non-local or tourist, even their friends. People in Daping fully performed of hospitality and revealed their real side to us which are the valuable experience and feelings in Daping, and we can recognize the culture there.