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On 23rd August, 2016, Project Mingde travelled to Joseph Wong Design Associates in Shanghai for a meeting with the architects and contractor of Project Daping. The meeting aimed to discuss about the constraints possible improvement of the project from the perspectives of different disciplines. It was my honor once again to join this invaluable trip during the summer holiday. It provided me with practical experience of exchanging opinions among different parties with their own professionalisms.

It was an invaluable opportunity to have this meeting because all of parties were busy with their own regular businesses apart from the project. Therefore, this trip was a same-day travel which was a precedent in my life. During the travel, we had a quick glimpse of the beautiful view of Shanghai. It was very refreshing to me because it was the first time for me to visit Shanghai. Likewise, all of us had no idea what may happen and surprise me in the trip, which became the greatest challenge of this trip. Fortunately, the architects from the Joseph Wong Design Associates were kind and talkative to us. During the meeting, they showed warm welcome to us when we were presenting some alternatives of the structural layouts for the project. Whenever there was any limitations found in our proposal, they would gently point out them and provided beneficial comments with the reference of the code of practice of design in mainland standard. This significantly fostered us to absorb the key knowledge of design and helped us to plan for the later stage of project.

Eventually, we discussed the follow-up of the meeting. All parties started to review and improve their design based on the opinions gathered in the meeting. We were very thankful to the architects and the engineer because they were not only benevolent to us during the meeting, but also brought some cultural gifts to us. I truly hope that Project Mingde would continue to hold this kind of trip meeting regularly in the future.