

Reflection on Guigang Working Trip (20th - 23rd October, 2016)

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This is my first time to join a working trip of Project Mingde. It is really an educational and enjoyable experience which offered me a golden opportunity to participate in a real-life project.

The trip built a bridge between practice and theory I learnt at university. During these few days, my classmates and I worked with students from the South China University of Technology (SCUT) to perform feasibility study in Guigang. I was responsible for land surveying, including traversing and detailing works in Changcheng Primary School. My team had to measure the coordinates of each existing object and construct a drawing outlining the school area. Collaborating with the SCUT students, my team was able to complete all works efficiently. I, in addition to applying my current knowledge, was entitled to learn to use different new apparatus and technical skills to perform the tasks well.

The trip does not only act as a medium for me to utilize my knowledge, but also promote my personal enrichment. Teamwork is of utmost importance in this project. In order to accomplish a task, we needed to have good connection with teammates and solve the problems together. I, moreover, learnt more about Chinese culture, especially Putonghua through regular communication with SCUT students and local people there. At first I thought that effective communication could be hard to achieve because of cultural difference, but it turned out well and I now gain more confidence in speaking Putonghua.

I am very pleasant that Project Mingde provided me with such treasurable experience to go on this trip. I believe that all students involved gained a lot from this and I hope to see those SCUT students again in the near future.