

## **Reflection on Guigang Working Trip (20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016)**

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The experience in this trip to Guigang is definitely a memorable yet challenging one.

I am in the land surveying group, responsible for traversing and detailing work. As a year 3 civil engineering student, we are expected to be very familiar with the procedures because we had experience in doing all these work before in a compulsory surveying camp. Before the trip, I thought that there will be no major difference in doing measuring work between the work experience in the camp and this trip. The tasks, however, is much more challenging than expected. I would say it is never easy to finish everything without mistakes and error. The use of a total station of a different brand, a tight schedule and a complicated landscapes posts difficulties in our measurement. Among all, the main challenge here is that there is a steep slope which is linked to the back of the main building. Some of the paths along the slope are not designated for daily use, so that it posts difficulties for our group to carry the equipment up and down hill, as well as setting points for measurement. But working in a group of 4, with people from HKU and SCUT, we solved problems and fix mistakes together, making the impossible possible.

Apart from the land surveying experience, I was inspired by the children I met there. I would never forget the smile I saw from the primary school students. I had a small talk with a few students, who were curious of what I was doing. Form their words, I can feel that they enjoyed studying, learning new things and having the urge to explore, yet being limited by the teaching resources. They had motivated me to do better and, hopefully, create a better learning environment for these children.