

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

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This is the second time I participated in the working trip to Guangxi which is organized by Project Mingde. It has been ten months since I set foot into Guangxi. The destination this time was Guigang city instead of Rongshui Miao Autonomous County. The working condition in Guigang trip was completely different when comparing to my previous working trip to Fengmu Primary School in Rongshui. I could still remember that I was a newbie in the previous trip, I knew nothing about constructions and could not help the team effectively. However, I was fortunately appointed as one of the leader of Project Guigang, cooperating with another team leader, Tse Hoi Yan Vicky. As a year 3 civil engineering student, I decided to accept this challenge and motivate myself to take up this responsibility to lead and guide other students in the team to strive as much as we can for the students studying in Duling Primary School and Changcheng Primary School. This was the very first time for me to be one of the leader of the working trip. I was confused initially since I have never been a good group leader before. I was afraid that I might not be able to ensure the works could be carried out effectively. Hopefully, everything was fine in the trip, all the tasks could be finished on time. Not only could I help improve the studying environment and atmosphere in the two primary schools, but I could also learn how to organize and allocate human resources in order to optimize all the works.

Being a leader of Project Guigang who was responsible for the feasibility study of Changcheng Primary School, I had to set an hourly working schedule with proper division of labour for my teammates. The arrangement was different from the past since we had to cooperate with brilliant and talented students from the South China University of Technology (SCUT). It was the first time for students from two different university work together on site. At first, I was afraid we might have language barriers, but we overcome all the obstacles and communicate in a proper manner. The students from SCUT was really good in terms of technical skills and knowledge about civil engineering, they have critical thinking and good analysis skills. They would bring up some constructive questions that we might not have thought of in previous meetings. Their knowledge and experiences allow them to assist us in all kinds of work including the land surveying work and data collection.

Last but not least, I would like to thanks all the students from both HKU and SCUT. Without their efforts, the feasibility study would not be carried out successfully. The experience in Guigang was memorable and unforgettable. I am looking forward to seeing all students from SCUT again in the future.