

Reflection on the trip to TengChuen Bridge

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This trip, being my first experience in Project Mingde event, is without doubt an invaluable experience to me. I have learnt a lot from professors and colleagues not only in the planning stage, but also during the trip to GuangXi, visiting TengChuen Bridge and Daping primary school.

To begin with, I do appreciate the meeting section prior to the trip. During the meeting, professors gave us the background of the trip and discussed the pros and cons of various possible means in dealing with the bridge. This sets the scene for the project that we are going to work on. Apart from the meeting section, I am truly delighted to learn how to control a multi-copter. This is a rare opportunity for me to tryout this new technology.

As for the trip, granted, I felt a little anxious before going. After all, I am freshly participating in a Project Mingde event. However, soon after the trip started, I started to feel relieved. Despite the long transportation time from Hong Kong to our destination, it served as a golden opportunity for me to communicate with professors and colleagues. I would like to express my gratitude to Dr. Wong for his sharing of knowledge, experience and insight into engineering industry as well as answering my questions. Furthermore, the travel time has provided me an opportunity to learn more about other students before the start of our surveying work.

On the way to our destination, a stark contrast between the living environment of city and relatively rural area of China was observed. When it comes to amazing observation during the trip, the little chairs for meals, which are prevalently used there, may be the first thing that springs to my mind. During the trip, we have been using those small chairs and tables for almost every meal.

Meanwhile, for surveying work, this trip is a valuable experience for me to draw on the knowledge that I have learnt during surveying lessons in the past semester. Yet, it seems interesting for me to make use of Electronic Distance Measurement device for the first time. In addition, I also cherish the opportunity that we can cooperate with the brilliant students from South China University of Technology for surveying work.

This trip to GuangXi is a remarkable experience that I have gained during the winter break. This trip has given me a rare glimpse into the living situation of people in rural China and allowed me to ponder over the things that we have always been taken for granted. More importantly, it is truly fulfilling to work on a project that aims to help people. As a civil engineering student, I feel the joy of helping others by drawing on the experience and knowledge learnt from lessons and try to apply them in a project. With such meaningful nature and excitement in broadening my horizon, I wish to contribute more and participate in future events.