

## **Reflection on Guigang Working Trip (25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2017)**

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This is my second visit to Guigang. In this visit, I have a more thorough understanding on Duling Primary School in another perspective. I am so grateful that I have the chance to work with the Guigang working team again.

In our last visit, we mainly focused on investigating the need of the school through interviewing the principal, teachers and students. This time, I was responsible for conducting architectural survey and interviews with villagers. We did investigations on the building materials that are available, vegetation, daily life of nearby villagers, circulation, weather and habits of students there.

During the survey, we looked at some traditional architectural structures of Guangxi. I have known more about the Hakka architectural characteristics. During the interviews with villagers, I have had a better understanding on the condition of the village and the school. Most of the children in the village were raised by their grandparents while their parents leave home and work in Guangdong for a better living,. Most of them only go back home once to twice a year, which may affect the development of their children and parental relationships.

Although this is a short trip and we only stayed in Guigang for 2 days, I have learnt many things that cannot be encountered by only reading books and doing assignments. Before I joined this trip, I did not know that to design a building, there are so many factors to be considered. I really hope that this project could help improve them in the educational aspect. It was my pleasure to work as a member of the Guigang working team again.