

## **Reflection on Project Mingde Summer Camp 2017 (11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017)**

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I am so lucky to be one of the participants in this PMSA summer camp. And I sincerely appreciate the efforts made by two PICs, Vicky and Andy. Their efforts are one major factor made this summer trip so awesome.

To be honest, this trip is tougher than I thought, especially the two-day voluntary teaching session in Daping Primary School. The sanitary conditions and living environment in Daping are worse than I expected and I could barely live there for more than two days. Therefore, I respect all students study there. For the first night in Daping, many kinds of insects were flying or crawling in our dormitory-teacher's room, cockroaches, moths, crickets, etc. And one cockroach crawled to nearby my ear, it scared me out of my mind since I am really afraid of any kind of insects and I cannot sleep that night after this. Even though this experience did not reduce my fear to insects, it did make me stronger somehow.

And the voluntary teaching in Daping village is a new experience for me since this is the first time I attend a voluntary teaching trip. During the teaching session, our team taught students to do paper folding, such as heart, frog, piano, etc. Their reaction to paper folding was more passionate than I thought because most of the students were fond of paper folding and they wish to learn more about it after we dismissed them from the class.

Another thing impressed me most is that one teacher who smokes in front of students told me that he has taught in Daping primary school more than 10 years. This made me disdained and respected him at the same time. I disdained him since he was being a bad model for students. And I respected him since he devoted more than 10 years of his life in this remote primary school and he could choose to teach in other schools which are less remote with better working conditions. There is no a hundred percent bad or good person, and we should never judge a person due to one thing he/she did since he/she might be able to do something we are unable or afraid to do.