

Reflection on Project Mingde Summer Camp 2017 (11th – 15th June, 2017)

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In the early June, I participated in the summer voluntary teaching camp held by Project Mingde. First of all, I would like to thank everyone especially Andy and Vicky for the success of this 5-day camp. Although it was not the first time for me to join voluntary teaching camp, I did learn a lot.

As an engineering student, I was glad that I could get a first-hand experience of seeing a building under construction. In Daping primary school, a teachers' dormitory is under construction. We needed to conduct a field survey of the current construction. Measuring the actual building and seeing the engineering team drawing the detailed floor plan made me feel like I had become an engineer for real.

Besides, the voluntary teaching experience let me to get in touch with the impoverished children. Paper folding lesson was the happiest time for the children. Different shapes were folded by the children ranging from piano, heart to airplane. Seeing the sincere smiles on their faces brightened our hearts. The local students said there were no one voluntarily taught them before. When a student asked us when we would go back again to teach them, I was speechless. I did not want to hurt them so I just pretended that I did not hear that. But at the bottom of my heart, I felt sorry. On the other hand, I know this 2-day teaching would let them know there were people out here care about and willing to help or teach them. I am sure that within these 2 days we had given an unforgettable experience to them.

Although this camp was very short, it was memorable and meaningful. I was able to step out my comfort zone and I would definitely be more grateful and cherish the things I have got in my life.