We have six deliverables to complete in Vietnam. If impact is defined in the tangible form of achievement, I’d definitely attribute it to the completion of the library building in a local primary school. However, the road to unveiling the plague of foundation is arduous. It indeed brings me such a sense of fulfilment to see how we proceeded from the mere foundation and the surrounding of the building to a new neat building with creative interior design. What’s more, as the excitable primary students made a bee line for the library, eventually elbowing their way into the small library, it reminded me of the significance of our work in the local community where book resources are very limited and mostly exclusive to higher-income group household. Finally, the students had a safe comfortable reading place to discover the wonders of world through books.

However, when the terms of “impact” is mentioned, “the impact of conceivable changes” first came into my mind. And hence, the most rewarding and inspiring deliverables is definitely teaching the primary students living values lessons. To briefly describe our duties, we were supposed to design different teaching plans for five living value lessons, “cooperation”, “respect”, “responsibility”, “love” and “honesty” and to teach in some afternoon. As this is one of the few projects which span throughout the internship, I expected to see changes on the local students. Unexpectedly, I failed to tell the difference between the first lesson and our last lesson. Thanks to the display of learning outcomes by another group, I was once again reminded that we were here not to bring very glorious changes but to build on what the local community already equipped with. Therefore, the change is impossibly significant at this stage. Living value is a set of self-enhancing fluid values which are acquired at young age yet our perception of them keeps at different life stage. Before we came, their parents or teachers may have already impacted them some important living values, so we are not changing for the better but consolidating a stronger sense of living values. Despite all this, our relationship with the children changed for sure as the first taste of interacting with foreigners and having lessons injected with new games and teaching tools will be savored at later age with boundless reminiscence.