

This is my second mingde trip. This time I went to guigang for the surveying of the toilet.

The Duling primary school was planning to build a new kindergarten next to its original campus. To do so, we have to first relocate the toilet to clear a place for the kindergarten. Therefore, we have to survey on where and how to build the kindergarten.

When I first get out of the high speed railway station, I was amazed by how developed the city was. Before arriving guigang, I thought it will be an undeveloped rural area. I was expected to see people farming or massive construction work carrying out outside the station. However, I saw a well developed city there. There are restaurants, high rise buildings, hotels etc. The development of China is impressive.

Later, we took Dr Ng's car to Duling primary school. On our way to the school, we saw how the scenery turn from well developed city to rural villages. In the less developed rural areas, the scenery is very different. There are no more concrete road but only mud road. Chickens and ducks can be found everywhere. Sometimes they may appear in the middle of the road and the car have to stop to wait for them to pass. It is an interesting experience.

In the primary school, we observed the primary school students for a while. Looking into their classrooms, I saw desks and chairs that is old and in poor condition. The walls of the building is not in good condition. There are cracks on the wall and water leakage is a problem in some classroom. The toilet is also smelly and dark. They are so different from those in Hong Kong. The local people may be satisfied with the current situation. However, I think there are many rooms of improvement and Project Mingde can help them with it.

The most impressive thing was the principal of the primary school. He was a local hakka people who live near the school. He can hold a hot potato with his bare hand and even jump onto a hill in his suit. Moreover, he will play with his students. I saw him playing table tennis with some students and trying all his effort to help us in surveying. He even gave us some brilliant ideas in building the toilet. He is so passionate about the school. After this trip, I would like to put my effort in helping him to make the school better.