

Participating in kindergarten of Duling Primary School in Guigang was my first project in Mingde Project. Before getting there, I thought the environment and hygiene there would be awful and unsatisfactory. However, the situation was much better than I imagined for all the cases, including the main building (Duling Primary School), but except for the toilet, which we would never be experienced in Hong Kong. As such, our goals were considered to reinforce Duling Primary School (old wing), to rebuild the toilet and kindergarten construction.

Reinforcement of the primary school and toilet reconstruction would be our major concerns in the trip because they are urgent. For the reinforcement, it would be a precious chance to take a close look on how engineers propose a reinforcement method on existing buildings. The method described by Dr. Wong was theoretically possible and there was uncertainty on the technical works. After some discussion, we knew the method was also technically feasible. Listening to the discussion and getting involved in would be another rare opportunity. Apart from that, the preparation of the contract by us took an important role in the discussion with the client. I felt a bit proud to be engaged in the project. For toilet reconstruction, it required the location determination and the design. Although both were not decided by students, we can also get involved by some simple tapings and drawings to show the roughly dimension of the site. Afterwards, we had brainstormed different ideas and considered their possibility and feasibility. It was fascinating to be inspired by different methods that I never thought of.

Mingde project is a good platform for students to equip themselves by providing exponential learning and trip to Guigang was a good example for illustration. I am looking forward to participating in the next activity.