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This is my first trip of Project Mingde and it has been a phenomenal experience for me. We have visited the Duling Primary School in Guigang, GuangXi, together with six other HKU students and 7 SCUT students for the construction project of the new kindergarten. We had carried out surveying work to obtain numerous data on the slopes and consulted the villagers on their opinions of the new kindergarten to be built. Besides practical firsthand experience,

Getting involved in such a meaningful project is a fabulous experience to me, it means a lot to me. Often we take a lot of things for granted, especially living in a place with 12-year free education. In Hong Kong, a majority of us get to go to kindergarten and primary school and secondary school; some fortunate one goes to university too. However, this is not the case in Xianren Mountain. Without a proper institute that offer early childhood education, these kids have to idle at home during their first six years of their life. Even with our help, they have to wait for at least one more year until the kindergarten is built. It does make me realize how lucky we were to live in a metropolitan. It is quite a pity that most of them are very keen on learning and show huge enthusiasm towards knowledge but doesn't have the opportunity to learn. Particularly in learning a language, research has shown that early childhood has a pivotal role in one's language capability, it would be such a waste of talent if these capable, motivated, and hardworking kids have to sit by their parents all day to watch them play card games for their first six years.

I am inspired and amazed but how much a kindergarten would mean to these kids, and certainly with facilities such as a library and dormitories for professional. I am more determined after this trip, my future effort in designing the kindergarten will never go in vain when all those bright and energetic kids can learn as happily as I do 15 years ago.