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Several days ago, we went to Guigang Duling Primary School for land surveying. Although I am a surveying student, land surveying is much different from our “surveying”. I learned a lot from the land surveying work and it was my pleasure to take part in this project.

It was my first time joining trip organized by Project Mingde so I was excited and I started imagining how Guigang looked like before arriving. I was in the toilet design team of the Guigang Project and I understood how eager the villagers were to save the water used for waste disposal. So, I thought Guigang was in the countryside and was surrounding by fields and trees. However, I was shocked when I arrived the station, it was much more modern than I imagined! It might be possible that after the establishment of high-speed station in Guigang the city had become more developed.

We then started our work and it was my first time using land surveying prisms. It was harder to use than I thought but soon I started to handle it well. Even the temperature is high in these days, and sometimes it had heavy rains, we still persevered to finish the job. I learnt to work under to sun and heat and I deeply appreciated those who worked under the sun because it was really demanding. We also climbed to the rooftop to check the construction of the metal roof. Since the roof was short we have to crawl on the floor. It was really a fun experience!

The weather was extremely hot in those days but luckily they gave us watermelon when we were resting. Nothing could be better than enjoying cool watermelon after working under the sun. The villagers were very nice and they prepared delicious meals for us. It was also worth mentioning that we were able to see the stars up on the sky and fireflies flying in the field. It was my first time seeing fireflies so I was really surprised and satisfied, especially after working for a whole day.

I really had a great time there and I wish I could visit the school again after the completion of the construction. I really hoped that the construction could undergo smoothly and those new buildings can facilitate students and teachers’ daily life. Apart from grasping experiences from Guigang, the villagers also sent us Lychee honey as gifts. It was really sweet, reminding me of the hot but sweet days in Guigang!