

Mingde Project Vietnam

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Introduction

In cooperation with World Vision Vietnam, 9 Civil Engineering Students, 4 Social Science Students and 1 Comparative Literature Student from the University of Hong Kong volunteered to assist in construction of a new bathroom for a secondary school in Vietnam.

Construction

During the construction, we got involved in a variety of tasks, including reinforcement fixing, plastering, cement mixing and bricklaying. We established a good division of labour, for example, we worked as a team to transfer the bricks one by one in a line. We witnessed the groundbreaking ceremony and the opening ceremony of the toilet. The fact that we got involved in this project gave us a sense of achievement.

Needs Assessment and Evaluation

The Evaluation and needs assessment offered us a chance to conduct survey and investigation. We conducted group discussion, household visit and site visits. All the interviewees were friendly and willing to answer our questions.

Communication corner and decoration of toilet

We designed and decorated the communication corner and the front wall of the toilet. We integrated the design with messages to remind the students of good hygiene practices. On the wall next to the staircase, we painted a tree with good hygiene practices on it in the shape of apples. The symbolic meaning is that the good hygiene has to be cultivated.

Photo exhibition

We decorated the classrooms for photo exhibition. For my group, we hung strings across the classroom and hung photos on the them. We decorated the classroom as a museum in which we demonstrated photos, drawings and a video.

CHAST lessons

We gave the students 6 CHAST lessons in which we taught them proper hygiene practice. In the lessons , played games with the students and gave out prize to the winning groups. The students enjoyed the lesson very much.

Conclusion

On the whole, the internship offered me with a fruitful and comprehensive learning experience. I got along well with my teammates and we all had a great time.