

### **Introduction**

This project was a cross-disciplinary service-based internship in Vietnam. With the golden opportunity provided by our diversities of backgrounds, we collaborated in various areas during the internship time.

### **Construction**

We, the civil engineering students, participated in the progress of the construction of swimming pond through learning on sites for supervision work and skills. We also directly participated in construction. Throughout the internship, I had understood the differences between theories and realities, and this helped me to understand more of the actual working environment of construction workers.

### **Voluntary Teaching**

The voluntary teaching for local children was on the topic of 'Child Injury Prevention'. This topic was essence for the local community. The topic was highly related to the proposal of building the swimming pond which is now a proper learning place for swimming for children. With the lessons, we could guide the children in getting rid of dangers and enhance the general awareness of potential threats in their living environment.

### **Needs Assessments**

During the internship, we the civil engineering students had been working closely with social sciences students in conducting visits and surveys to local households and different stakeholders, for understanding the real situation in local community and collect data for further analysis. We also reviewed the library built two years ago under the same cohort of projects.

### **Interaction with local people**

In this project, we also got chances to get in touch with local people through formal and informal occasion, in which we could realise the cultural boundaries and understand the differences. I had got new insights in the perspectives of cultures.

### **Conclusion**

This internship programme was a fruitful trip in which we could apply what we have learnt in classes and exchange opinions from peers from other aspects of academia. It is equally important that we see ourselves from a global perspective, simultaneously from a local perspective. The cultural and academic stimulation was valuable and benefited me a lot!