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This internship is indeed an inspirational and fruitful experience for me, in both the cultural and technical aspects. I would like to express my gratitude to Project Mingde, tutors and my groupmates.

The region we have visit is named Rongshui which is an under-developed city in the Guangxi Province. Ethnic minorities group like the Miao, Yao comprise to most of the population. Due to indecent geological condition and lack of resources, most of the infrastructure were not properly developed. The job opportunities of these inhabitants reply heavily on farming, tourism, catering etc. These scenarios casted a huge contrary to the city we live.

Rather than relying on material life, many Miaos have devoted to artistic life and expressed their lifestyle in their dance and drama performance. Being one of the audiences, I could feel their bonding and history inside their tribe. Farming is one of the most important industry in Miao. There were numerous stepped farmlands, mountains, stream and rivers during our roadtrip which have given me a scenic memory in this internship and relieved me from the hectic citizen with a special Miao tribe flavour.

On the other hand, pace of development was rapid in Guangxi Province. Although mountain terrain comprises most of the area, construction works have been slammed. It is noticed that transportation works like the roads, bridges and tunnelling were going everywhere in the mountains. It is very exciting to see a lot of structures we have only seen from our lecture slide were happening at the same time in this internship. There were different forms of construction geotechnical structure, and I have learned a lot of their details from the site visit and roadtrips. This internship has certainly enriched my engineering knowledge and given me a greater engineering insight.