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It is my first time travelled to Guangxi with nine teammates that we do not familiar with each other before this trip. Team spirit is built day by day when we travel to the remote area in Guangxi and live together. It is a meaningful project in helping the local and improving their living standard and I am pleased to participate in this project. Dabao School is one of the perfect examples, it provides an opportunity to the children there to be educated without travel far. The school not only serve as a study zone, but also a cultural centre for the villagers. To investigate the utility of the school, a performance review have been conducted. Knowing the users' opinions always give the direction in further improvements and this investigation can probably shape the school into a better place. Project Mingde have continuously paying effort in equipping the remote areas with infrastructures and I hope more villagers can benefit from these construction works.

Having an on-site visit, it is noticed that some structure design cannot learn from the lecture notes, but it can learn from an experienced contractor. The more you ask, the more you learn. Therefore, figured out the questions and listened the questions from others were also an lesson for me. Another lesson is observation. The demand from residents in Guangxi is greatly different from Hong Kong. Simple and practical are the main concerns of the buildings in Guangxi while Hong Kong will focus more on the aesthetics and environmental protection. It is also observed that transportation is one of the main issues in Guangxi. On the way to Hong Shui, the road is bumpy and there is no barrier near the cliff. Heavy vans for timber transportation are frequently found on the road, together with the adverse road condition, this imposes a potential danger to the road users. The communication between different villages and the development can be facilitated if a smooth broad road is provided. The maintenance work of the road is still in progress and I believe that the remote village can step into a city with higher living standard eventually.

Apart from the site visit, the culture experience is also a remarkable experience in this trip. The relationship between the people in an Ethnic Minority is closed, and faithfulness was the key element of this. In Miao, the local do not lock up their door as they welcome all visitor to come and have a drink. The hospitality is the treasure in Miao. Living in Miao is manifesting the balance between the work and leisure. Hong Kong is well developed, but the relationship between each other can hardly surpass that in an Ethnic Minority.