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This is my first time to work on such a big project with a group of teammates and I truly find the experience valuable. What I saw on the journey made me understand more about the backward villages and how Project Mingde has helped to improve the education in the remote mountainous areas of China. Project Mingde has stepped in and collaborated with industry professionals to rebuild the primary school (cum Cultural Center) at Dabao Village. Now the children there has an excellent place for learning and recreation and I am very grateful to that.

After almost a month of attachment in Guangxi, it brought us back to the nature and the harmonious and simple lifestyle there is what I have yearned for a long time. I also knew more about the culture of ethnic minorities like the Miao and Yao. They rely on farming, fishing and forestry to earn a living, which makes a sharp contrast to the life in our modern city Hong Kong. Living in a cosmopolitan city, people would easily take everything for granted. But after visiting the under-developed city, I know that I really need to cherish what I have now before it is gone.

Nowadays, the scale and speed of urbanization is without precedent in human history. Under globalization, it is precious that Miao and Yao ethnic groups can still preserve their own unique cultures, like their own languages and cuisine. Their cultural drama and dance performance at their own festival really broaden my horizon and I find the experience memorable.

It is also exciting that I can apply what I have learnt at school to the real-life engineering project and analyze their structural designs. Overall speaking, this summer internship program can not only provide me with golden opportunity to develop engineering skills, but also make me truly appreciate the hardships villagers in the impoverished areas face. I hope I can have a chance to work with my teammates from Project Mingde again in the future.