

## The 11<sup>th</sup> Trip to Guangxi (15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013)

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On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013, Dr. George Wong led seven students (Hung Ka Shing, Eddie Chui, Steve Ho, Candy Lam, Brian Kong, Samson Pung and Stefany Lin) to Guangxi together with Miss Jessie Chow from the Faculty of Social Sciences. The missions of the trip were to present the latest progress of the project to the representatives of Dabao Village and to discuss the details of the contract with the contractor and the design institute.

The team arrived at Rong Shui County on Tuesday night. On the second day of the trip, the team departed to Dabao Village early in the morning. On the way to the village, they visited Mingde Building which is the first product of the Project Mingde.



Figure 1 Photo-taking before leaving Mingde Building (From left to right: Contractor Mr. Wu, Hung Ka Shing, Dr. Wong, Eddie Chui, Steve Ho, Candy Lam, Brain Kong, Mr. Wu's son, Samson Pung, Stefany Lin, Mr. Meng)



Figure 2 Students studying in Mingde Building

Dr. Wong presented the latest amendments of the project to the representatives of Dabao Village after having lunch with them. Meanwhile, students conducted interviews with children and villagers to collect their views and expectations towards the project. According to the villagers, they were pleased with the project and thankful to the donor and Project Mingde team. They looked forward to the completion of the project.



Figure 3 Interview with villagers in Dabao Village

The next day, a meeting was arranged in the design institute for the representatives from the institute and the team members. During the meeting, drawings of the project were presented to the representatives. Then they gave out some feedback on the design and drawing of the production. The team member also visited Gewu Building, which is the second product of Project Mingde, and a community service centre in Rong Shui, which is run by Mr. Meng.



Figure 4 Visit to Gewu Building



Figure 5 Visit to a community service centre in Rong Shui

This would be the last trip to Guangxi before signing the contract. Construction work of the project may start from mid-November. As a conclusion of the trip, the team members were impressed by the two previous projects of Project Mingde and looked forward to a visit to Dabao Village again after the completion of the project.