

The 13th Working Trip to Rongshui, Guangxi (10th - 13th March 2014)

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On 10th - 13th March 2014, Dr. George C.K. Wong led twelve students (Chui Ho Chun Eddie, Hau Ho Kai, Ho King Wui, Hung Ka Shing, Kwong Hin Long, Lam Wai Sum, Lin Hai Man Stefany, Liu Kin Kwan, Ng Ka Ho, So Hoi Kin, Wong Kwun Hung and Yuen Mandy Man Ting) to Guangxi Province, China for another working trip. The purposes of the trip were to look into the conditions of Mingde Building, to check the completed foundation of Dabao Community and Cultural Centre, and to visit the potential sites for the next project of Project Mingde.

The team arrived at Rongshui Miao Autonomous County on Monday, 10th March night. They set off the next morning to Mingde Building (Xiali School), which was the first project of Project Mingde and was established in 2005. Since the 10th Anniversary of Project Mingde is coming, they examined the conditions of the building and its facilities to see whether any renovation would be necessary.



Figure 1: Visit to Mingde Building, the first project of Project Mingde

In the afternoon of Tuesday, 11th March, the team went to Dabao Village to check the completed foundation of the ongoing project, Dabao Community and Cultural Centre. The general quality of the construction was acceptable. The building is expected to be completed by 2014.



Figure 2: Students checking the completed foundation of Dabao Community and Cultural Centre

On Wednesday, 12th March, the team visited Baiyun Township Fengmu Village School and Baiyun Township Gonghe Village School, which were the potential targets for the next project of Project Mingde. They discussed the needs and the desired development plans of the schools with the representatives of the schools and observed the areas around the schools.



Figure 3: Visit to Baiyun Township Fengmu Village School



Figure 4: Visit to Baiyun Township Gonghe Village School

The team returned to Hong Kong on Thursday, 13th March. The students had many positive reflections from the trip, particularly when they saw the completed foundation of Dabao Community and Cultural Centre for the first time. “It was like witnessing the birth of my baby,” said Steve, Ho King Wui. They had the satisfaction of seeing what they have learnt could really help the villagers and that they were one step closer to success.

For the video highlights of the 13th working trip to Rongshui, Guangxi, please visit the link below:

<http://youtu.be/HdjxqO07sTM> .