## Visit to Guangxi University (28 December 2015 – 30 December 2015)

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From 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of December, 2015, Dr. Ray K. L. Su, Dr. Ryan C. P. Wong and six students from HKU visited the Guangxi University. We were glad to have the opportunity to engage in learning and exchange activities organized by Guangxi University, including a lecture given by local teachers and visits to local construction sites.

In the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> of December, teachers from Guangxi University delivered a lecture about the structural design of masonry structure in Mainland China. As we were engaging in the structural design of the Daping Project, which involves the construction of a masonry building which has to be designed according to the Chinese Code of Practice. The short but informative lecture covered most of the practical knowledge and design solutions about masonry structures, which undoubtedly enriched our understanding that would be applicable to the design of the Daping Project.

In the afternoon, our students and teachers split into two groups and visited two foundation sites in downtown Nanning and within the Guangxi University respectively. It was an invaluable opportunity for our students to visit the construction sites in China, which increased our understanding to engineering projects and building techniques in China.

Lastly, the end of this trip marked the beginning of the structural design of the Daping Project, which will be conducted in collaboration with Guangxi University. Our students truly appreciate the warm welcome by local teachers and students, and we all look forward to visiting Guangxi University and Guangxi in the near future.

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