

Reflection on Daping trip 3th – 7th April 2015

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When I was a schoolchild, I studied in a primary school in a small town of Huizhou, Guangdong province. The educational resource in my school is much scarcer than those in the central district. I entered the best middle school in my city through fierce competition (of course, by examination), where only 3 students in my school got admitted. It was at that time when I realized the significance of fairness in education. I suppose that if there is a way to achieve fairness in the society, education should be the key. Promoting the educational condition in remote areas would help to change the fate of children that are born in poverty and I think this is one of the main objectives of Project Mingde.

In Daping, it was good to see that the Mingde building has served the students and teachers there for more than 10 years. The students there are so unsophisticated and it was touching to see how they cherish the opportunity to study. I was also deeply moved by the teachers that devoted their lives to the teaching in the mountainous area. I think they deserve more care and better living condition because many of them had a choice but they chose a dedicated life in a small village.

The trip to Daping was exhausting experience but no one complain about the difficult circumstances. I would say the trip to Daping is just a start and I look forward to participating in the other trip.