

## **True happiness, is it far away or just nearby?**

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Though this trip mainly focuses on the Engineering work - making a feasibility study for the Daping Primary School Student Accommodation, I do gain insights on my Education field. In the following discussion, I will share some of the memories that I feel the most impressive and unforgettable.

On the second day, we arrived at the Daping Primary School and started our work. I am responsible for meeting different school parties and doing interviews. Despite we just spent around a half day on the school to work, I did observe a lot and make fruitful reflections. From the primary school principal, I found out he has a strong ambition in teaching students. He shared his understanding which in this impoverished village, letting students achieve high academic achievements and be competitive enough when compared to the students studying in cities is disputably impossible. Hence, he shared his motto for acting as a principal in this school is to educate students to become a good person (“Learn to be a good student, learn to be a good contributor to the society”). I particularly reflected on this sharing part repetitively. I appreciate his teaching motto and respect him wholeheartedly. Hopefully, he can really achieve this motto via undergoing different attractions and constraints such as the possibility of making corruptions and the insufficient support from the Government.

Interviewing with the students is my another enjoyable part, they are suffering from poverty yet I can see their true hearts to learn and respect others. With such an unfavorable learning environment, I saw all of them are indeed very attentive enough to listen to the sayings from teachers. They seem to obey the school regulations and behave themselves well. Comparing to the case in Hong Kong, some of the students are completely not respecting their teachers and being spoiled badly by their parents. The “true” happiness is being found in this school. Giving students candies already make them feel happy; giving students tissue papers to clean their mouths already make them feel happy. This is definitely not the case from Hong Kong. Hong Kong students aim

higher and gain happiness from the materials provided by the spoiled parents. Personally, Daping students are gaining more “true” happiness than Hong Kong students nowadays.

I gain more experiences in developing my teaching motto. Being a teacher is never an easy. The real difficulties are not from teaching students to gain high marks in examinations or spoon-feed them with loads of teaching materials. Whereas, teaching students to have gratefulness every day and having good ethic values are the real ones. I believe being an engineer is the same. Not only working so hard on the land survey and constructing well-structured student accommodation, but also to really act genuinely in catering the needs of different parties, particularly for the underprivileged ones. Lastly, thank you for all the team members in spending this short trip together, I enjoy working with you all and a strong team spirit is most likely seen.