

## **Reflection on Completion and Handover Ceremony of Mingde Jundi Teacher Dormitory**

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This is the first year I participate in Project Mingde and have a service trip in Mainland China. This trip to Guangxi is really a wonderful experience. Not only the beautiful and attractive scenes that I could see, I could also share the feelings of the students that were responsible for designing the building in there.

After 13 hours driving distance, we spent another 6 hours on bus on the second day to Daping Village for the Ceremony of Mingde Jundi Teacher Dormitory. I communicated with the guests, students and teachers there sharing our views towards the three-storey dormitory and their hopes about the future development of the school and they expressed their gratitude to us for building a dormitory for the teachers. Although I was not responsible for building the dormitory, I was impressed and I realized that a Civil Engineer is really a great job as they help to build infrastructure and put public interest in front of self-interest.

At first glance, I thought that Project Mingde is nothing but a meaningless project, I wonder why we had to help the people in poorly-developed region, wasn't it better for us to stay in Hong Kong to enjoy our luxury living style? Why did we have to do such voluntary work? After having a deep reflection, I realized that there are many impoverished areas in Mainland China, their living style is somehow primitive and if we don't give a helping hand to them, no one is going to assist them. Therefore, we have to try our best to help them.

Project Mingde gives us an unparalleled opportunity to have a first taste of This trip to Guangxi is definitely a meaningful experience. It is my hope that I can contribute to Project Mingde in the remaining year, and try my best to assist the people in Guangxi.