

Reflection on Completion and Handover Ceremony of Mingde Jundi Teacher Dormitory

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In previous two years, I involved in two projects of Project Mingde and engaged in the working trips. Unlike usual working trips, this trip to Daping was remarkable and I witnessed the completion and handover of Mingde Jundi Teacher Dormitory.

Mingde Jundi Teacher Dormitory is a 3-storey teacher dormitory with 10 flats in Daping Primary School. Before the completion of teacher dormitory, teachers and students used to live together in the academic building. Certainly, Mingde Jundi Teacher Dormitory has alleviated the accommodation problem and therefore utilized the teaching space in Daping Primary School.

The highlight of this trip - Completion and Handover Ceremony of Mingde Jundi Teacher Dormitory was successfully held on 1 October 2017. After 5-hour travelling from Rongshui to Daping in early morning, we arrived Daping Primary School. Once we got off the coach, we immediately felt the cheerful atmosphere. Villagers set off firecrackers while some were playing “Lusheng” which is a traditional reed instrument of Miao and Yao. The donors of this project, local authorities and HKU staff and students were all ready to witness the moment of handover and opening. Children dressed in traditional customs and local villagers also gathered around and participated the ceremony

Despite my basic level Putonghua, I was honoured to be one of the M.C.s in the ceremony. It was indeed the first time for me to be a M.C. and I found it challenging yet fun. I was a bit nervous to speak Putonghua in front of the crowd. Besides, ad-hoc changes could be made right before the ceremony, so I needed to react speedily and improvise in proper time. Overall, this was an exciting experience for me to take up this role in the ceremony.

This 3-day-2-night trip to Daping is short but unforgettable. Not only did I witness the completion and handover of Mingde Jundi Teacher Dormitory, I also visited the Chaoyang Bridge . As a final year student, this may be my last Project Mingde’s trip. Project Mingde certainly provides a good platform for students to gain experience in real-life projects and I treasure every opportunity to learn. I hope the completion and handover ceremony does not mark an end of this project, but other programs related to medical service, and cultural aspect can sustain the spirit of this project in Daping.