

Reflection on Completion and Handover Ceremony of MingdeJundi Teacher Dormitory

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I am so thankful to have this once-in-a-life-time opportunity to join the trip to Guangxi with students and teachers from different faculties in the university.

As a young person who lives in a modern city, this experience is completely new to me. The buildings and facilities in Tengchuan are pretty much worn. The tap was covered with tangled spider web. Yet children were happily running around bare feet. We watched them dance in their traditional costume. We got to talk to them about their brushing habits and hand hygiene. What a surprise to figure out that they are actually quite aware of their oral hygiene. Some children change their toothbrushes more often than I do.

“They are very poor but also very happy with what they have.” – my thought about people living in rural area in China after all these years of learning in school. But this is not completely true. The girl we interviewed told me she is not happy about going to school there. I did not ask for details but I wish I had. It is understandable to me though. Most of their parents are working in city far away from their hometown to make more money for their children’s education. The children are raised in lack of both adequate financial and mental support. And here the significance of Mingde project is shown – where new dormitory for teachers is built and space allocation for student dormitory is re-organized. Teachers and students get to spend their time here in the school with more convenience and comfort. Mostly importantly, the teachers can get more rest and give closer care to students. And hopefully this could

Throughout the handover ceremony the word “Shan Xin”(Philanthropy) is very frequently said by the local guest speakers. I appreciate the effort of each member in Mingde project. They touched everyone in Tengchuan and also inspired me as an outsider.