

Reflection on Experiential learning programme in Vietnam

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It is glad for me to join this program. It is my first time to get into the village. Due to the facilities and living standard have a big difference compared to Hong Kong, we are asked to build a toilet for a secondary and needs analysis for the other two commnu in order to help the locals.

For the construction, it is a rare chance for me to learn more apart from text book and lectures. It's because the practical work has a large different form what we have learnt in the lectures. The experience on site is very important. Lots of things such as foundation and excavation can be seen by us which can make us understand the whole process. In addition, doing the labor work on site is very interesting. Although the works is hard and tiring, it is a good experience for us to understand the workers mind and their working condition.

Apart from the construction part, we also need to do needs analysis for other two commnues. The project for our group is about the child injury prevention. We were able to meet the community leaders such as mothers' group, cultural group and some teachers. It can help us to facilitate our understanding on the situation of the child injury case. Also, the field trip let us discover other unexpected dangers such us dangerous pool and electric shock cases. Thus, the field trip is of vital importance if we want to make a reliable report.

Moreover, experiencing the local culture is very fun. In these 49 days, we have totally adapted to the local living standard. For example, we will eat noodles everyday having a short sleep in the afternoon and waking up early.

Apart from working, we also have some holidays to relax ourselves. During, the holidays, we will follow the translators to go to the city to experience the local culture. For example, watching drama show and going to ha long bay to see the view. It is glad for me to have a holiday during our work which can let us have a chance to experience the local culture.