

Reflection on the trip to Guangxi (12th – 15th January 2016)

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Being involved in this project is a fruitful and memorable experience that makes me reflect a lot. In this trip to Fengmu, we saw children living and learning in an environment without adequate facilities, the rooms are so crowded that 24 students have to share one room, and even the condition of the most fundamental facilities like toilet is worse than our expectation. These children didn't ask for luxurious dormitory or classroom, but simply things like consistent hot water supply or relatively less crowded rooms, which we take for granted back in Hong Kong. During the trip, what we saw is just a glimpse of the current situation in mainland China, but we are pleased that at least we can start and help these children who are in need since these children deserve better in both living and studying environment.

As a year 2 student major in civil engineering, I may not make much of a contribution to the project compare to the seniors, but I am glad that I can assist the surveying team that I am assigned to, and got this chance to understand the basic principle and practical procedures to conduct traversing. I also realize that how important leadership is when the seniors steered us through the project, and how important the preparation works and communication are especially in large projects. Despite the weather was quite extreme and the process didn't always go according to our planning, it was cheering that we got all our work done in the end.

I always found that helping others with our own expertise a contented thing to do. In the future when we start our career, we may not have the chance to consider people's actual needs and help them unconditionally because at that time, we are needed to do what is beneficial to the company, and this is why I think joining Mingde Project is the most meaningful thing that I have done so far. All in all, I really enjoy this trip!