

Reflection on the trip to Guangxi (5th – 8th March 2016)

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After applying as an assistant in Daping Project, this is my first time joining the trip to Guangxi Daping, a construction project for Daping primary school. Throughout the trip, I learnt some ideas in construction as well as experienced lots of local traditions.

In terms of personal growth, this trip brought inspirations to us. Being a year2 civil engineering student, I only knew some basic ideas of civil-based knowledge, such as the properties materials and basic framing or RC plan, with these knowledge I can have basic understanding of the construction plan. Yet, this is far beyond the knowledge of building a dormitory in this project. Fortunately, during the trip, there were discussions and introduction given by the students and staff. Though I did not understand all of them, but I can make sure this help understand the role and job of a civil engineer which arouse my interest and my heart in my future.

In terms of local traditional culture, people in Guangxi were very friendly and shared their village life. Along the trip, we have traveled lots of places and routes. One point I thought special is that, I have enjoyed lots of sea and mountain views, which are amazing during the car trip. Besides, the meal in Principal's home was unforgettable. They are so friendly provided us the traditional food including local alcohol drink made by own self, this is my first time enjoying these special and memorable taste. Apart from the nice treating by the villagers, the Guangxi university students also treat us extremely good. I remembered there was a night that they invite me and Andy (another member of Daping) to their room to play card games. Although we did not know how to play, they did not cease teaching us. Moreover, they did also share their lives and some interesting stories in Guangxi.

After all, this trip is really good for us.