

Reflection on Building a library for a local secondary school in Vietnam (12th June – 29th July 2016)

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First of all, I have to thank you everyone for making this trip happen, in particular Ryan and Jessie. This intern programme is definitely praiseworthy and amazing. During the intern programme, I have a memorable experience in this summer. It definitely boards my horizon and vision. Living in Vietnam for two months, I experience happy and upset moment during the trip. It has been a challenge for me to live in foreign country for a long period of time. Luckily, students were willing to give a helping hand to me. Within these two months, I understand more about my teammates. We demonstrate as a solid bonding when we face difficulty. Facing difficulties is the best way to improve and explore about myself. In short, meeting fantastic friends and challenging myself were a valuable achievement that I obtained in the trip.

Apart from that, I also gain useful knowledge in the field of civil engineering and social science. For civil engineering' knowledge, I look into the drawing of library so that I can strive towards a better understanding about the detail of drawing. When coming to the biggest benefit that I obtain in the trip, I learn practical construction's technique and skill during construction of library. Our students spent many days in the construction site to help building library. The construction technique, including mixing concrete, building bricklayer, building formwork, twisting steel bar, painting, were taught to our students by local workers. Although the construction was tough and demanding in such hot weather, I enjoyed the process of construction. However, our students did not participate enough in the supervision and design stage. I hope that the programme in the next year can improve in this aspect.

During the trip, large portions of time were spent in the jobs related to social science, such as typing evaluation report, POA, interviewing. Despite the fact that I feel difficult in dealing with these kinds of work due to poor language skill and essay writing skill, I deem that it was a golden opportunities to challenge myself and develop problem-solving skill.

In conclusion, I am so thankful and honored that I was selected to join the intern programme. The experience in this two months was flawless and fascinated.