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On 23rd of August, a group consisting of four Project Mingde members went to Shanghai for the current project in Daping Primary School in the morning and returned at night. We visited the architecture firm we have been cooperating with, which is also the donor of this project. At the company, a meeting was held where the donors, architects, engineers, contractors and us could all gather to discuss the details of the proposed dormitory. Every stakeholder was updated on a few problems and the corresponding solutions proposed by us. At the end, after gathering different opinions, a few decisions were made related to the structural, architectural design and site investigation.

As there was very limited time for discussion, we needed to fully understand the details which might help so that no time would be further wasted. I learnt from the participating engineers and architects how to treat and prepare for a formal meeting. Except bringing all documents required, they had also scanned through the documents and was able to refer to the details immediately during the discussion. Although no one is actually paid in this project, they took it very seriously by spending much personal time on it. Their attitudes are worthy to be learnt.