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This is my third time joining a trip to Guangxi Province of China along with Project Mingde members and also my third time going to Daping Primary School. My second trip was an internship training which lasted for a month, so before this trip, I had already had a good understanding of Guangxi, including the culture, geography, local construction practices, etc. However, this third trip is still worthwhile to go because I can finally witness the construction of our teacher dormitory.

Before the trip, there is a lot of “mysteries” related to the foundation of the original structures since their detail drawings have been lost and we can only design based on assumptions and predictions. Because of this problem, we spent a lot of time discussing and preparing different schemes according to different possible scenarios. When we arrived at Daping, the original structure on the location where we would build our dormitory had already been demolished. The construction team had casted a part of our foundation and was doing the remaining excavation. It was good that we finally confirmed the foundation of the adjacent canteen and knew that it would not affect our foundation.

It was a meaningful trip as it gave me a chance to witness our design and previous efforts becoming a reality. It was a good start and I hope that our project can be completed soon and provide teachers and students there a better school environment.