

## **Reflection on Guigang Working Trip (20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016)**

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This is my first time to join Project Mingde, and I am responsible for the dimension measurement of Chang Cheng School. I feel excited about this trip because it is the first time put knowledge into practice for real life circumstances.

Through this trip to Guigang, we visited schools located at rural area in mainland, which is the first time in my life. Unlike the school in Hong Kong, these school are in bad conditions which teaching is barely possible. Due to unhygienic environment, lack of facilities and teachers with insufficient knowledge, students here cannot receive high quality education no matter how hard the teachers try. Without the help from external party, these schools cannot develop on the right direction on their own, and cannot satisfy the demand from nearby villages. The aim of the trip is to work out a feasibility report to identify the true need of the school. There is a dilemma for me, and also some of the students. One side is that we have to study the case objectively. On the other side, I hope that we could proceed to the construction stage to give real assistant to the students, instead of giving out fake hopes.

This trip also reminds me a few things that I may not notice about. The first thing is to treasure what we already had. We may criticise too much and dissatisfy about our lives and situations, but do not spend time to treasure and look at what we already got. Comparing to people in mainland, our lives are luxurious, we are consuming more than what we need. Ironically, the guiltiest part is that we take everything for granted. In fact, what we criticize may already be heaven for people studying or living in bad conditions. Maybe sometimes, lowering our demand and compromise with the reality is not a big deal.

The second thing this trip reminds me is a quote from a movie, the Spiderman. "With great power comes great responsibility", we should not be greedy to offer our help whenever possible. University students are often called "the lucky ones", meaning we have a greater potential than others. Therefore, we should bear the responsibility to help other no matter how great or tiny we are on behalf of our humanity, and as the more "powered" ones in the society, we should do more.