Reflection on Guigang Working Trip (20th - 23rd October, 2016)

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Although this is the second time for me to participate in a trip to mainland China and conduct the feasibility study, I still learned a lot of things.

During the trip, I was responsible for data analysis and environmental assessment of Du Ling primary school. Nearly most of the time I was walking everywhere. I checked different facilities of the school and deeply understood how dangerous of that school is and how lucky of us, who lives in Hong Kong are. The building of the school is full of cracks and mold, the sanitation of the public toilet is extremely worse, and they don't even have flushing water and tap water for washing hand. Not only those facilities inside the school, but also the roads connecting the school and the city are old and even undeveloped. The roads near the school are bumpy as they don't have a concrete/ bitumen cover, which is unable to see in Hong Kong. These situations have strengthened my will to build a better school for the students at Du Ling primary school. On the other hand, as there is a slope behind the school, professors have taught me different practical knowledges regarding soil classification and treatment of slope.

Through this trip I deeply comprehended that it is also important for us to have a site visit as we can learn numerous practical knowledges which is difficult to be taught in the lecture. If there is another trip which is worth-going as this trip, I would like to participate in it.