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What I used to think about the main part of an engineer work is about maths. However, after spending four days in Daping, I start to know more about what an engineer responsibility is. When we arrive the site, we find that there are some changes such as the length of a brick wall. After discussing with engineer Luk, we find that this amendment is because of the length of a single brick. During the process, I can see what engineer should do. If we always follow the drawings and ignore the condition of the site, this is not what we should do. This gives me a whole new thought about engineer. Also, having meeting with the designers and contractor show me that what the role of a consultant is. The communication skills sometimes is more important than how well you can calculate.

On the other hand, when we arrived the school, we found that some of the resources like chairs and desks are not used for quite a long time and the condition of the student living places is not satisfactory. I thought what we can do may be not only restricted to hardware, we can also have some voluntary teaching like teaching them in hygiene aspect etc.

The local culture impressed me a lot. As their guest, they always want to make sure that we have a good meal every time and order quite a number of dishes because of their enthusiasm. However, it may lead to waste of food. Also, they like to show their happiness by drinking lots of wine. This may be a bad habit but it is quite eye opening and special.

Overall, it is a meaningful trip and I am looking forward to see the new dormitory finish construction.