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The serenity and tranquility in Daping have been lingering in my mind. The mild breeze and everything in this rural has left me an unforgettable experience in this four-day trip.

The moment when I have my first touch on the project has to move back to this summer. At that time, I was just knowing and understanding the project just from the drawings and the description from my fellow project mates. Until now, I have been to Daping, personally observe and most importantly, to feel the situation, construction process and culture there, I have a much clearer thought on why and what the project is for.

On the way we went to the destination, the muddy and sloppy landscape has made the car journey uncomfortable. Car journey is shaky, it is hard to imagine how can the school children bear the unbearable slope to school every week or even every day. Therefore, the construction of teacher's dormitory can clear out the old teacher's dormitory for more space for children to live.

For the days in Guangxi, I have been surprised by the way the people treat the environment. The clear running stream from the upper stream was turned to be turbid in downstream. Trees were burnt or being cut everywhere. Mushroom cloud of smoke from the factory chimneys polluted the once-was-blue sky. The scenery in China is actually wonderful, however, that is the condition which makes villagers do not treasure what they possess; that is the education that makes the citizens do not appreciate the beauty of nature; that is the culture that leads their people to the coup de grace - pollution.

Due to low education, villagers do not understand the vitality of hygiene. Rubbish everywhere, resulting flies everywhere. Diseases transmitted easily, eventually they eat their own bitter fruit, poor health. The poor living hygiene and environment is what they need to pay for the convenience of littering. Pathetic? Certainly yes.

The Daping project not only does solve the physical problem they have right away, but also, we are here guiding them to have a better life, better life of life. Give them a fish can only feed them a day, teach them fishing can feed them for a lifetime. With better infrastructure, we step by step inculcated and nurture them to love the environment, our mother land.

In this ever changing world, I believe the beauty of China can be shown up again under consistent environmental protection work by their people. I am looking forward to seeing and visiting the construction-finished dormitory in Daping.