

Reflection on Guigang Working Trip (25th - 26th February, 2017)

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This is the second time we visited Duling Primary School in Guigang, Guangxi. The objective of this trip is to gather more information for the whole project by conducting an architectural survey, principal and villager interview, as well as the building inspection.

On the first day, a few Civil Engineering students and I were responsible for checking the existing building. Dr. Su taught us how to inspect the building by its structure. We started by checking the external structure, and then checked the rooms one by one. We had discussed a number of reasons for causing structural problems and Dr. Su had suggested some possible solutions to renovate the building. Besides, we also discussed with the teacher from SCUT on the construction plan on kindergarten. The teacher and students from SCUT gave us some suggestion on the location of kindergarten and teacher dormitory.

At night, we held a meeting to discuss the progress of our works. We discovered that the villagers interview did not go well as we planned. It was difficult to get the information we want from the questions we set so we amended the questions right away.

On the second day, four teams of students went to conduct the villagers interview. The remaining students followed Dr. Su and the teacher from SCUT to inspect the building again in details. We marked the location of major cracks on papers. Later, we checked various slopes surrounding the campus, especially for those outside the school boundary.

All in all, leading by Dr. Su, we learnt a lot on building inspection. We also knew more on the construction cost and China's practice during our chat with teacher and students from SCUT. In addition, other students from Social Sciences and Architecture taught us how to set a good questionnaire. Back to Hong Kong, we will continue to work on the planning and design for Duling Primary School.