

Reflection on Guigang work trip (06-08 March, 2018)

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This is the first time for PMSA 2018-2019 to work with students from South China University of Technology. Its a great chance for our members to share and exchange views on Guigang project, students from both universities gained an excellent experience.

Our work started with a presentation and site walk explaining the project details to SCUT students. It is surprising for me that SCUT students feel fresh to farming village. Followed by dinner, we talked about the career and study environment of both universities which has broaden my horizons and inspiring me on choosing stream in civil engineering for my future.

Surveying and interviewing work have been done in second day. It is pleased to see that students utilise their knowledge and skills to overcome the problems together. However, it is a little bit chaos when Boss Wu introduced us to villagers for interview session. Due to language barrier, students did not realise that Boss Wu had introduced us to villagers and got lose. The language barrier appeared again when we walked around the village and asking the opinions of residents.

This reminded me that I have the obligation to translate and explain to students when they do not understand Hakka since it is unavoidable that Boss Wu may speak Hakka unintentionally. All in all, this trip has achieved our objectives and students from both universities enjoy it.