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This was the second time for me to join the trip to Guigang. In the last trip, I went to Guigang in January. It was winter, and the weather was great. We only have to bring more clothes to keep us warm. This time, I went there in late May. The temperature rose up to 35°C. The weather was hot, and we sweat a lot even when we are staying inside the classroom. It is hard to imagine how the local farmers work in the farmland in such a hot weather.

We conducted land surveying in the Duling Primary School. Although I am a surveying student, it was the first time for me to use these surveying apparatuses. I tried to use both the prism pole and the total station. It was a great experience and I learned a lot of practical techniques about land surveying. Meanwhile, I had also experienced how exhausting it was to conduct these works outdoor.

Apart from the practical skills of land surveying, I also have some new experience in Guigang. The first one is that a tried a new kind of corn. The corn we eat in Hong Kong is usually sweet and juice after cooking. In Guigang, I have tried a kind of corn which is sticky and does not have any taste. It has a texture like sticky rice and is easier to fill our stomach than those we eat in Hong Kong.

Another experience is crawling on the rooftop of the school. Project Mingde has constructed a metal cover on the rooftop of the school to prevent the sipping of rain water into the building. Therefore, we need to check the quality of the cover. We reached the rooftop at 2 pm. It was as hot as having a sauna because heat was trapped by the cover. The cover was built with a low height which is about 1 meter only. Therefore, the only way we can reach the other side is by crawling. It is unforgettable to crawl in such a hot place.