## Reflection of Service Trip at Wangdong Tam Sai Kei – BEng (CivE) IV

The service trip at Wangdong was split into two parts, the first part volunteering as a teacher at a local primary school in Wangdong, the second part being exploring the sights of Wangdong and its unique culture.

## 1. Teaching in Wangdong

This was the first time I had the opportunity to teach students from a primary school in Wangdong. Being able to get out of my comfort zone and to do something like this was certainly an enlightening experience. Being able to give the students a better perspective of what Hong Kong is like, and to improve their level of English was a very fulfilling task. Furthermore, this was a great opportunity to practice my mandarin, which is something I rarely get to do in Hong Kong. Furthermore, it was very interesting to see how the learning environment in that area of mainland China was different to that of Hong Kong's.

## 2. Exploring Wangdong

Being brought around Wangdong, I was able to see a lot of beautiful scenery, many of which have not yet been developed into tourists attractions, many of which we would not be able to see in Hong Kong. I found the cultural activities particularly interesting, the activity of planting rice seedlings at the fields was a great way for us to experience what it is like to live the life of a farmer, of which really was a once in a life time experience.

In Conclusion, this trip not only provided a fruitful experience in exploring and experiencing what life is like in the rural parts of China. I feel like this area is definitely worth exploring again, and I would recommend any other students to do so as well.