

## **Project Mingde Vietnam 2019**

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#### **Introduction**

Project Mingde Vietnam 2019 was an internship program organized by Project Mingde and cooperated with Faculty of Social Science and World Vision Vietnam. 10 Civil Engineering students, 5 Social Science students and 1 Comparative Literature student from The University of Hong Kong participated in the program. The aim of the program is to construct a swimming pond for children of Trung Dung commune to provide a safe place to play and learn swimming. Apart from the construction work, we also conduct some social science related tasks, such as need assessment, library evaluation and safe house survey. We worked for 7 weeks at Vietnam and one-week pre-trip training at The University of Hong Kong.

#### **Construction Work**

The swimming pond is constructed on the purpose of preventing the drowning accidents among the children, which is the most common accident type occurred, in the Trung Dung commune. During the construction of the swimming pond, we participated in some procedures of works such as transportation of materials and cement plastering. It is meaningful for me to involve in the construction by my own hand.



### **CIP Lessons and CIP Contest**

We conducted 6 CIP (Child Injury Prevention) lessons to introduce the local students about the different type of danger might occurred in that area. In the lessons, we taught about the causes, precautions, consequences and treatments of each injury to students. Despite of teaching, we also thought many different games to play with the students in the lessons to make the class more interesting. In the CIP contest, drama competition and ring the golden bell were held in the contest. Those content were associated with CIP knowledges. HKU students also joined the contest and had fun with the local students.



### **Need Assessment**

The need assessment conducted is aimed to identify key areas of concern through discussion of past cases and the most prominent needs of the community. We collected the information through focus group discussion, key informant interview and household visit with different stakeholders. As a civil engineering student, those are completely new experience and knowledge. It will

be useful for me since engineer need to determine and address the needs of society.



During the trip, I met many different peoples and had several experiences. I learned how to establish a friendship with foreign students and the skills of cooperating with my team members which are from different faculties. Also, the program gave me the opportunity to experience and learn the culture in Vietnam. It definitely will be an unforgettable experience in my life.

