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### **Construction work**

The internship period in Vietnam has given me opportunities for real hands-on construction experiences. From mixing cement mortar to concrete bar casting, or even tile placing. They are all some very useful experiences for future career when I need to monitor the progress and quality of construction work. Another aspect of learning is reading construction blueprints and drawings as well as meeting with a local contractor in charge of the project of the swimming pond we were building.

### **Developing friendships with local kids**

Other than engineering works, we also volunteered to teach the local kids about child injury prevention methods. In the process, the children gradually became closer to us, the HKU students. Different from my assumption for their impression, they are more bright and adorable than I thought. Their emotion was also infectious - we all cried together once a kid started crying.

### **Friendships with HKU students**

I love my new friends in this group. They are some genuine people who are willing to share their thoughts and feelings and listen to me when I want to open up. It was also super fun to gain some new experiences with them, especially in Hanoi and Ha Long Bay during our mid-term break. We created some really beautiful moments together and I hope they will be my life-long friends.

### **Coping with unfamiliar environment and learning to love it**

The place where we stayed was not a well developed city. We lived in a place without the facilities, food and comfort that we take for granted in Hong Kong. But we slowly learnt to adapt to it and found our ways to enjoy the new environment. In the 7 week period, the impression Vietnam gives me has also switched from being chaotic, uncomfortable and underdeveloped to being beautiful, fun and adventurous, especially in Hanoi and Ha Long Bay that we explored during our mid-term break.

