

A Working Trip to Fengwu Village (12th-15th January 2016)

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From the 12th to 15th of January, 15 student members of Project Mingde with Ir Dr. Kaimin SHIH, Dr. Y.P. HUANG and Prof. Nicolas S.Y. YEUNG visited Fengmu Village at Guangxi, to carry out a feasibility study for 4 days.

On the second day of the visit, the students were divided into 2 teams, a land surveying team and an interview team and they started their work after they arrived at Fengmu Primary School. I appreciated all the participants in this working trip a lot as they were professional and passionate towards the project. One remarkable incident was that since the site condition was bad and the field was wet and slippery, four students fell into a puddle unfortunately when they were conducting land surveying. Although they got wet, they insisted to finish their works before changing their clothes.



Figure 1 Students conducting land surveying

Moreover, the interview team did a great job. They conducted face to face survey to the teachers and students as well as an interview with the principal. Without their active participation, the needs of the students and teachers cannot be identified and the feasibility study report cannot be completed.

On the third day of the visit, it was a rainy day and was hard to conduct land surveying because the apparatus, such as the total station, cannot get wet. As a result, students need to take a big umbrella to prevent the total station from getting wet in the slippery field. And the site area is bigger than our expectation and we anticipated that we might not have enough time to finish the land surveying; therefore, some students decided to skip their lunch or take turns to have lunch. Luckily, they finished their work with excellent results at the end.



Figure 3: Interview with the local students



Figure 4: Inspection of the site boundary

Although the trip was short, we did enjoy and learnt much from that. For instance, we enjoyed the beautiful field scenery and gained experience in working in rural area. Moreover, we learnt some local culture by sharing with the local people and enjoyed the delicious foods. We appreciated Project Mingde very much as it provides an opportunity for students like us to learn and broaden our horizons.

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