

Voluntary Teaching Summer Camp to Dabao (9th - 13th August 2016)

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Project Mingde Voluntary Teaching Summer Camp was held from 9th to 13th August. Led by Ir. Dr Ivan W. C. LAU, 19 HKU students from various faculties have visited Dabao Village and Mingde Pan Cultural & Community Centre, the construction project completed by Project Mingde in 2015.

After travelling to Guangxi by high speed train, our students spent their first night in Danzhou, a tranquil ancient town surrounded by Rongjiang waters and we made the final preparation before heading off to Dabao. In the morning of 10th August, the weather turned gloomy and started raining heavily during our journey; fortunately, the rain stopped just when we were about to disembark our vehicles and to start hiking through the 2.5 km trail leading to Dabao.

Upon our arrival at Dabao, we met some of the children and conducted ice breaking activities at the Mingde Pan Cultural & Community Centre. After having a welcoming dinner at the teacher's house, our students were split into groups and visited some of the families in Dabao. Although our visits were affected by an unexpected rain, our students made their way back to the school building safely after the family visits for debriefing.

On 11th August, we prepared two workshops for the local children. In the first workshop, we taught children Chinese idioms through drama and shared the joy of making musical instruments together; the second workshop exercised the children's creativity when they were asked to design and construct water rockets before we put them to the test. In the afternoon, we held a mini fun fair with game booths as well as health education sessions designed by the medicine students from HKU to deliver knowledge related to personal hygiene and dental health. Soaps, toothbrushes and toothpaste were given to the children as souvenirs for attending our fun fair.

12th August was our last day in Dabao. Before our departure, we held a healthcare workshop which educated children the concept of puberty through lectures and case studies. Despite that we were leaving Dabao only after staying for three days, it was a fruitful journey and an unforgettable experience for all of us.

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