

Working Trip to Daping

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From 24th to 26th of September, 2016, a group of four members of Project Mingde went to Daping Village in Guangxi Province of China. The purposes of this trip include the supervision on the project a teacher dormitory in Daping Village, Rongshui and a preliminary study of some footbridge reconstruction projects in Rongshui.

On the first day and the last day of the trip, we only spend time travelling between Hong Kong and Daping. On the second day, we arrived at the Daping Primary School in the morning and started our first supervision works. When we arrived there, the original structure at the location we are going to build our dormitory had already been demolished. The construction team had casted concrete for par of the foundation and was doing the remaining excavation. We measured the foundation casted and the materials which had already been transported to the school. We also grabbed this valuable chance to ask the local engineers some questions we do not understand about the drawings and local construction practices.

After the supervision, we went to see two footbridges in Rongshui which were damaged during a severe flood in the past July. We had a preliminary study on them to see whether Project Mingde can help the local villagers to repair one of the footbridges. The two footbridges have a common issue that a section of their decks is broken and villagers have made temporary decks by some wood planks. As we did not have enough time to interview the villagers on their needs, this job will be passed to the next trip going Rongshui.

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