## Working Trip to Rongshui

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From 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017, Prof. L.G. Tham, Dr. Ryan C.P. Wong and a student member of Project Mingde visited Rongshui, Guangxi for the teacher dormitory project in Daping Village. The aim of the trip was to finalise some project details with local representatives and contractor, and to get an update on the construction progress.

Unfortunately, one day before the trip, destructive storm followed by severe flooding came to Rongshui and surrounding areas. Countless landslides also occurred around the county, and with no exception, on the road connecting Rongshui city centre and the rural Daping Village. Flooding and landslides blocked the access to many places within Rongshui, as well as the paths between Rongshui and some other counties. On the first day of the trip, it was confirmed that the team could not enter Daping Village because of the accident, but luckily, the highway was still available between the train station and Rongshui city centre. Several meetings were then arranged in Rongshui city centre, allowing the team to discuss some project issues with local representatives and contractor.

Within the three days, the team has discussed with the locals regarding three different projects in Rongshui, which were all initiated by Project Mingde. One of the projects was the teacher dormitory project in Daping Village, which has almost gone through the construction stage. Other two projects discussed are new, one being a bridge reconstruction project in Wangdong and one being the Duling Primary School Extension Project in Guigang.

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