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Experiential Learning in the Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU

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Introduction to FoSS

- FoSS core pedagogical commitments
 - Disciplinary expertise
 - Research competence
 - Experiential learning
- Experiential learning in flagship BSocSc programme (180 students per year)
 - Social innovation
 - Global citizenship

Social innovation and global citizenship

- Social innovation (12 credits)
 - HK or overseas internship
- Global citizenship (12 credits)
 - Overseas internship
 - Overseas exchange studies
 - Overseas summer school

Internships

- Internship programme
 - 80-90 community partners
 - Full-time and part-time modes
 - 300+ students per year
 - Typically 300+ working hours per student
- Faculty also offers its own internship
 - MOEI intensive English summer camp
 - Cambodia, China (Anhui, Yunnan), Thailand

Pluses and minuses

- Pluses
 - Learning outcomes (notably character, skills)
 - Practical complement to on-campus learning
- Minuses
 - Assessment
 - Excessive diversity of experience
 - Some student resistance

Thank you!

Thank you for your attention!



Experiential Learning Programmes

Mingde Projects

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Experiential Learning Programmes for Civil Engineering Students

Internship in Industry (Mandatory)

- **Duration** 2 months in Summer
- **Work nature** Infrastructure engineering design
Supervision of construction on site
Management of civil engineering projects
- **Locations** Hong Kong
Beijing
Three Gorges
Jinsha River
Shanghai
Singapore



Mingde Projects

- To go into the society and to find out the needs of people
- To practice the engineering principles in a real world environment
- Duties include visits to understand the culture and the environment, to come up with a suitable design to satisfy their needs and to supervise the construction
- Voluntary participation



Mingde Projects

Special Features

- **Developed very strong and close alumni support**
 - Provide financial support for the construction and travelling costs
 - Personal participation as consultants advising students on design and development of projects
- **Multi-disciplinary collaboration**
 - Projects involve contributions from civil and structural engineers, architects and surveyors as well as building services engineers.



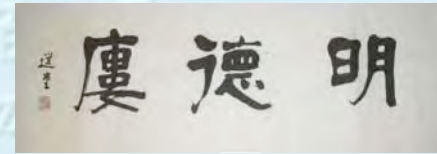
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Three Projects

- **Mingde Building**
 - A primary school building for Xiali Village in Guangxi
 - 8 visits involving approximately 50 students
- **Gewu Building**
 - A dormitory for a vocational training school in Guangxi
 - 10 visits involving approximately 60 students
- **Zhengdong Kindergarten ruined during earthquake**
 - A three storey building under construction in Sichuan
 - To date, 16 visits involving 150 students



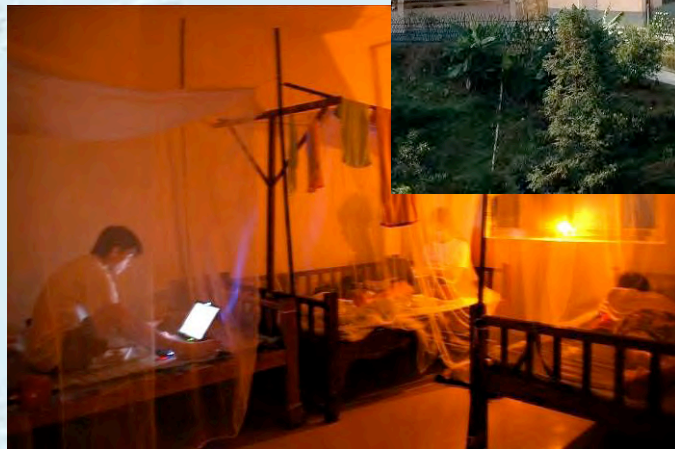
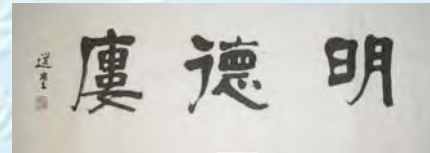
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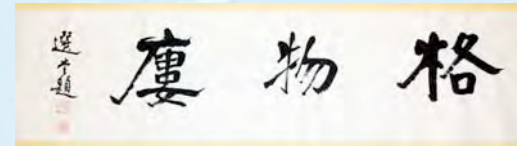
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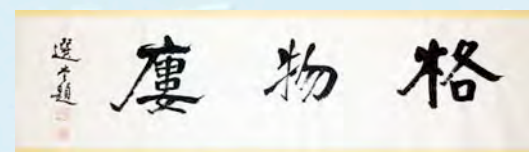
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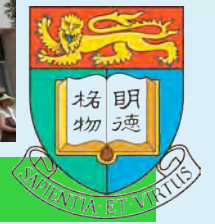
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Gewu Building



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Zhengdong Kindergarten



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光大,是為「明明德」。窮究事物的原
理,摒除蒙蔽心眼的物欲以顯良知,是為
「格物致知」。

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Thank you !

