Introductory Note on Panyun Primary School Re-construction

Panyun (潘雲) is a remote village located in Guangxi, about 150km away from Guilin. The original primary school at Panyun was dilapidated and subsequently after a heavy storm. Students of the school had to travel long distance to other school for lessons.

Panyun Primary School Re-construction project is a charitable project of the Department of Building and Real Estate. Initiated by Dr. Nicolas Yeung, Chairman of CII and generous funding from the Rotary Club Kowloon to finance the design and construction cost, the Department set up a task comprising academic staff and students from the B.Sc. (Hons) Building Engineering and Management programme to prepare the design of the school building and associated project management and contract administration tasks. Members of the task forces have visited the village sixth times from October 2005 to April 2007 to have meetings with local officials, representatives from the village and to monitor the progress and quality of construction work. The construction was completed in March 2007 and the grand opening was held on 7th April 2007.
A photographic chronicle for the Panyun Primary School Re-construction Project

Panyun Village

Typical House and kids in the village
The village scene from the site

Another view of the field from the site
The site of the school (Jan 2006)

First Batch of students visited the site (Jan 2006)
Excavation for site investigation (Jan 2006)

Soil Investigation by Dr. Paul Ho (Voluntary Geotechnical Engineer) (Jan 2006)
Meeting with local officials and contractor (Jan 2006)

The President of Rotary Club Kowloon (The Donor) visited the site (Feb 2006)
Kids and Villagers lined up to welcome the arrival of delegates from Rotary Club Kowloon and the University (Feb 2006)

The Site (Feb 2006)
Construction of ground floor structure (July 2006)
First students’ inspection visit (Aug 2006)

Students are checking reinforcement bars details of 1st floor slab structure (Aug 2006)
Students are checking bar fixing details (Aug 2006)

Students are checking the formwork for the stairs (Aug 2006)
Staff & Students were discussing with contractors on workmanship of work

Students met kids at the village (Aug 2006)
A view of the field from the 1st floor of the school (Aug 2006)

Construction for 1st floor commenced (Aug 2006)
Construction of Roof structure (late August 2006)

Completion of structural works for the school building (Sep 2006)
Construction of toilet is underway (Sep 2006)

Progress of the school building (Oct 2006)
Progress of construction of toilet (Oct 2006)

Students’ 2nd inspection visit (Oct 2006)
Staff and Students are checking the quality of work with equipment (Oct 2006)

Students met kids in the villages inside the school (Oct 2006)
External finishing work is underway (Nov 2006)

Structure of Toilet completed and finishing work is underway (Nov 2006)
Finishings to the school building completed (Dec 2006)

Construction of toilet completed (Dec 2006)

The Chinese Calligraphy by the President, Professor Poon
Memorial plague at the school documenting the project and participants

Happy kids and villagers gathered at the opening ceremony (April 2007)
A Speech by the Head of Department, Professor Wong at the opening ceremony

The Head of Department, Professor Wong presents the donation from the Department to the School
Classroom Furniture donated by the Department

Group photos with delegates from Rotary Club Kowloon and the University at the opening ceremony (April 2007)