

Student Visit to Disadvantaged Households

Ticking all the right boxes, a meaningful community service project was a great success to increase the elderly's awareness of home safety and enhance our students' sense of social responsibility a few months ago.

In late 2016, the four organizing parties including the Department of Building and Real Estate (BRE), the Urban Renewal Authority (URA), the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Senior Citizen Centre and the Engineers Without Borders joined forces to work at a voluntary community service project in To Kwa Wan that is one of the oldest districts characterised with a lot of dilapidated buildings.



Our Lecturer, Dr Barbara Leung (from left : 1st on the first row) along with the participating students

This two-day project consisted of three parts, Site Survey, Building Inspection and Home Visits so as to 1) explore the surrounding recreational facilities and community services in the district, 2) examine the building conditions of the households and 3) study the satisfaction of living areas and the problems. Under the leadership of our Lecturer, Dr Barbara Leung and the URA volunteers, a big team of nearly 40 students from the four Departments of the Faculty of Construction and Environment paid a hearty visit to more than 30 households in To Kwa Wan after the site survey and the building inspection.

The participating students shared that after the home visit to the disadvantaged households, they became more aware of the real needs of the elderly in terms of home safety. It was also fortunate for the students to share what they learnt on lessons with others. Being proactive to have hands-on experience, learn about problems and find out solutions means a lot to them.

The participating parties had a very enjoyable time. All our good wishes were given to the elderly through our gifts and sharing on home safety.

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