The Hakka’s Practice Philanthropy Ethics & Cultural Conservation in Rural China

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2 teachers
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4 Rural communities (villages) served in Mei Xian and Xinning Xian

4 RURAL COMMUNITIES

>50 OLD HOUSES
①How could the **humanities** get academic value through S-L?

②How could **postgraduate education** get benefit from S-L?
Ivory Tower Learning → "Exquisite Egoist"?

Social Servicing → "Altruistic Fool"?
Breakthrough Point: Cultural Heritage Protection
Intangible Cultural Heritage
Learning from the locals at a geomancer's house
KNOWLEDGE CAN HELP!

Help the elder to rebuild her house wall
KNOWLEDGE IS NOT ENOUGH!

WHY?

Retribution?
Help the emergency but not the poor?
READING BOOKS AND PRESENTING EVERY EVENING
We arranged a lecture and consulted for the expert about the hakka culture by Prof. Fang XueJia in the Hakka Research College of Jiaying University in Meizhou city.
• Record the villager's oral history and communicate to understand the way of thinking and belief system
• The students listened to Prof. Liu's annual philanthropic lecture in his ancestral home. He told them his life experience after he left his home town.

• His cousin, a retired teacher, wrote an unpublished book about him and asked for our advice about his writing.
Community Service

• To help the villagers out collecting peanuts.
To help the villagers out collecting paddy.
He is 46 years old. He became a psychopath for whose head had been beaten violently since 1991. He had ever gone to hospital three times, but his family had too much money to treatment. When he suffered a seizure, he was very violent, so his parents locked him in a little musty old room.
This is his foot chain to prevent his seizure which always locked him for 16 years.
We did our best for the psychopath patient and the disabled to find free or lower medical costs hospital.
• We found a lot of hospital, mental hospital, disabled rehabilitation center etc. in Mei zhou city, But the medical fees were too high.
At last, We finally found a rehabilitation center in White house town in Mei Zhou city. It is a psychiatric rehabilitation center, and also a foster center for the disabled. And their cost is low with free medical care.
• To provide two patients with exactly hospital information, We not only consulted the operation and management of the hospital for the hospital director.
But also we understood the medical equipment and the medical skills for the doctors and nurses.
we saw the conditions of the patient's rehabilitation and foster.
We returned to the patient’s home, tell them the basic information of the hospital. And we told them the condition and the procedure of the free medical care.
• We helped old people sort out the reference books and materials.
• We helped rural teachers modify the work about another the elite hakka's autobiography.
• Help to record the philanthropy history and activities of LI AI (94 years old)
• We were witness at a fundraising at CHINESE NEW YEAR EVE
Witnessing and recording the fundraising activity by young men on the first day of the new year.
“YOU SHOULD LET THE SCIENCE BE HEARD.”

——Mr. Liu Zhenqun (the host of the house where the students lived)
OUTCOMES

7.16 梅州研习（暑假）
7.17 梅州研习
7.18 蕉岭梅县行
7.20 景应大学误老师讲座
7.21 温公祠与寻找风水先生
7.22 第一次松口行
7.24 风水先生讲课与访谈丘阿婆
7.25 访谈丙村小学副校长温带宏与帮丘阿婆修房
7.26 罗坑小学幼儿园老师与丙村镇政府
7.27 松口与雁洋
7.28 转战新陂镇上长岭村刘远星家里（途中去了叶剑英故居）
7.30 王老师过生日
7.31 上长岭村村委副杨记刘红梅、村委刘震杰、老人会李艾
8.1 上午东升文化室、下午老年协会、四角楼收稻谷
8.2 上长岭村村委会、东升小学校长刘健辉
8.3 兴宁古民居考察--四大屋一个庙
8.4 刘振雄老师、刘焕德伯父
8.5 观音诞辰、刘伟宝
8.6 江西龙南里罗围、关西新围
8.7 江西龙南太平桥、燕子岩、燕子洞、龙南武当山、火车站
8.8 江西吉安吉州窑、文天祥纪念馆
8.9 江西考察回来休息一天
8.10 刘家庙、亲水公园、刘焕德、张荣青
8.11 钟楼石上生产队、云雾屋刘振雄伯伯
8.12 上午刘震杰、钟新泉，下午熊保坤、钟名生
8.13 李艾伯伯与恒昇围罗尚宽叔叔
8.14 上午老人活动中心拍资料和下午给伯伯们拜年
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“青山不墨千秋画，绿水无弦万古琴”，如果你从未深入江南之南，你也许不会知道这里还会有这样一群人，他们的名称虽被后现代构造，但是传承的却是最传统的古文明，最好地诠释着中国人，这是一个值得尊敬的文明群体——客家。

2012年暑假，我们有幸成为“客家慈善与乡土建筑研习小组”的一员，在中山大学研究生院与公益慈善研究中心的支持下，来到这如痴如醉的岭南，开展为期两个月的服务学习型项目。古镇、老村、围龙屋、祠堂、老人会、众多的碑文，发黄的族谱，引发了我们对乡土文化的思索。在这一座座原始博物馆里，我们窥得了一丝历史传承，品味着文化变迁，由衷的发出了保护我们民间文化的呼声，请珍视我们的历史。在这一间间围龙屋内，我们体会到了人生的酸甜苦辣，世代的变迁，传统慈善思想在乡村的新形态，请重视我们的慈善文化。

下面让我们为您呈现这三十一日的所见所闻，所听所思……
Beliefs and Customs
信仰習俗

The public space
(Wei long house)
公共空間

Ethics spirit
倫理精神

Philanthropy action
公益行動

value ecology
價值生態
S-L Aroused the Key Value of the Humanities

- The humanities and the arts......are rarely seen as essential, even high priorities. But they are much more than that. Indeed, the humanities help form the bedrock of civic understanding and civic order.

- —Bruce Cole (chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities) emphasised the urgency of memory at the Memorial Conference for Sep.11,2001.
THANK YOU!