

HKU WZQ Programme 2019

Ms. Ki's speech for Opening Ceremony on 8 July 2019

Professor Holliday, Professor Zhang, supporting staff, fellow students and all volunteers of the program, Good afternoon.

It is my honor to witness the second year opening ceremony of the HKU WZQ Experiential Learning Program. As I mentioned earlier at the orientation day in Hong Kong, I am most grateful to Professor Ian Holliday who took 13 HKU faculty staff to visit WZQ MaCha Project in year 2017. He came back with the insight to take WZQ as a basis for a 6 credits experiential learning program.

This year, the HKU-WZQ Program has recruited more than 30 students from Hong Kong to experience a 4 weeks program across 3 different regions. Our colleagues led by Dr Stephen Li, Program Leader, took the challenge and developed a very comprehensive program from Metropolitan Beijing to Ancient City Xian and to rural MaCha Village in Gansu province, with contents of culture, architecture, environment to humanity.

This program is all about experiencing life learning, connecting people from different regions, exchange and transfer knowledge from one another, got out of your comfort zone and have a full month of learning, friendship and an experience that cannot be found from classrooms, books or elsewhere.

WZQ means building bridges. We bridge points to points like the actual crossings. But our ultimate goal is to bridge and connect people. We build heart bridges. We hope you make friends with your peer groups in China for better understanding and empathy, and to enrich your life and expand your network.

Here I would like to give thanks to the support and effort of professors and the supporting staff from HKU and Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture (北京建筑大学).

This year we have more than 15 professors and directors, and about 20 volunteers to support and enrich the program, we put in a lot of resources. I believe that with the great effort and help of our experienced mentors and supporting staff, the program would be a unique learning experience for you.

I wish you a meaningful, memorable and knowledge packed study trip filled with friendship with mainland students starting this week. And I am looking forward to hearing of your feedback and sharing after you come back from the program.

Thank you.

香港大学无止桥暑期课程 2019

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香港大学副校长 Professor Holliday、北京建筑大学张爱林校长、张大玉校长、李雪华主任、各位课程导师、参与的香港大学学生及各位志愿者，下午好。

本人深感荣幸能够再次见证及参与香港大学无止桥暑期课程的第二届开幕典礼。如我在较早前于香港大学的简介会提到，我实在感恩能与香港大学校长 Professor Holliday 合作这个课程，源于校长在 2017 年获无止桥邀请带领 13 名港大教职员到项目点马岔村考察，并回香港后有远见及主动地与无止桥慈善基金合作启动 6 个学分的香港大学无止桥暑期课程，去年成功举办第一届，学生收获良多。

今年，这个为期 4 周的课程，招募超过 30 名来自香港大学的报名者。课程的导师李德伟先生，欣然接受这个使命和任务，细心设计与建立课程的内容，我们从现代化的北京首都出发，再到西安古都，并最后两周在甘肃偏远农村马岔村体验学习生活，一次过遇见文化、建筑、环境、人民和农村智慧。

开办本次课程的目标之一，主要是让香港的学生离开课堂及安舒的环境，走到中国不同发展阶段的城市和乡村，了解中国最真实的一面，有现代高科技发展的一面，也有落后需要改善民生条件的地方。经过四周的体验，学员彼此认识及交流学习，建立难能可贵的友谊，是非常宝贵的人生经验，或许这都是我们在课堂和教科书不容易找到的知识和体会。

无止桥慈善基金的宗旨是共建桥梁。我们志愿者建实体桥点对点连接两岸。同时，我们最终的目标是看到人与人之间心桥的建立，这就是我们所说的缘牵心桥，希望参与课程的志愿者学生们能够认识新的朋友，对中国有更多的认识 and 了解，丰富自己的人生简历、视野和网络。

今年课程我们有十多位教授导师来为我们讲解课程，大概 20 位在北京和西安的志愿者来协助课程的开展。在此，我感谢香港大学、北京建筑大学、北京交通大学、西安建筑科技大学和西安交通大学的各位校长、导师和学生志愿者，您们在课程中给予的帮助和支持，让本次课程得以顺利启动，我相信有大家的支持，我们各位参加者会有一个难忘和宝贵的人生体验学习经历。

最后再次祝愿各位学生有一个收获满满、充实难忘的游学暑假。
我期待在课程完毕后能够听到大家的经历和体会的分享。谢谢。