

SmarTone AYP Laos Service Project 2016 had been held on 9 August to 15 August 2016. 14 participants from different Operating Authorities, Award Council Member Mr. Whelan Leung, Award Network Core Group Member Ms. Teresa Mok and one AYP staff went to Laos together to help building a pre-school for a village near Luang Prabang. During the trip, participants went to various places to understand Laos's local culture and they had been interacting with the villagers proactively. As the environment in Laos and Hong Kong are totally different, it was a memorable and unforgettable experience for the participants. Besides, the trip had helped them to develop their independency, improved interpersonal skills and achieved self-development.

3<sup>rd</sup> day upon arrival - Participants started to work, they had to gather stones from each family in the village to build the foundation. It was difficult for the participants to walk around on the muddy road as there were showers and sometimes heavy rain during the trip due to rain season. However, participants had coped with it in a rather short time. Participants continued to work hard and finally built the foundation of the pre-school on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the trip.



5<sup>th</sup> day of the trip - We all went to Tad Sae waterfall to relieve the summer heat. Everyone was very excited and had great fun. Baci ceremony was held at night so that participants could experience the traditional part of the village.



6<sup>th</sup> and last day of the trip - Participants went back to the city center, visited the temple and National Museum to understand the local culture.

