

CDC News (March 2002)

The 8th CDC meeting was held on 15 March 2002. Salient points of the discussion are as follows:

- The latest development of the new senior secondary school curriculum was reported. Teaching contents and the choice of subjects of the new curriculum, which were the main concerns of Members, were discussed in the meeting.
- Comments and views from frontline and seconded teachers were incorporated into the Basic Education Curriculum Guide, which would be issued to schools in July. As for the moral and civic education, main points of the discussion were summarized as follows:
 - Life events for different levels would be included to enhance teaching and learning.
 - Moral and civic education could be merged into the contents of cross-curricular subjects.
 - The Education Department would develop some high quality exemplars on moral and civic education and provided schools with these teaching resources.
 - Schools might choose relevant contents for their students and share their teaching experiences with other schools.
 - Morning reading session and form-teacher session would be effective in promoting moral and civic education.
- A number of curriculum development databases were established for schools and teachers such as Moral and Civic Education Website, and Curriculum Resource Bank of exemplars for curriculum reform, data bank for life wide learning and database of teaching resources for curriculum development.
- In response to the concern of revising existing syllabuses, it was explained that:
 - Curriculum change was done in the best interest of students. It was an on-going improvement process to prepare students for an ever-changing society.
 - Any revision/change would be made in line with the directions of Learning to Learn. It would prepare teachers for more gradual change during the interim instead of bringing about a drastic change.