

## **CDC News (February 2004)**

The 15<sup>th</sup> CDC Meeting was held on 17 February 2004. Salient points of the discussion are as follows:

### **Report on the latest development of the senior secondary curriculum & assessment framework**

- The Government would issue a consultation document on reforming the academic systems for senior secondary and university education and launch the public consultation on the implementation of the new academic system and the financial options. Consultation seminars would be held for various stakeholders to collect their views.
- Members expressed concerns about the development of the new senior secondary Liberal Studies (LS) and Mathematics curricula and how they would be implemented.

### **Discuss related issues on senior secondary curriculum**

- Both Chinese Language and English Language CE examinations would be revamped from norm-referenced to standards-referenced in 2007, supplementary documents on assessment would be issued to schools.
- As some subject contents of the existing ASL Computer Application had become outdated, its curriculum would be revised accordingly.

### **Discuss the abolition of senior secondary subjects**

- The Council endorsed the abolition of the following subjects:  
HKCEE: Technical Drawing, Textile, Engineering Science, Human Biology and Ceramics;  
HKALE: Engineering Science, ASL Design & Technology (D&T), AL Music and ASL Music

### **Receive the Guidelines on School-based Gifted Development Programmes**

- The Guidelines on School-based Gifted Development Programmes was received. It would be uploaded onto the web for the reference of teachers. Schools were expected to run school-based gifted programmes to develop their students' potential in different aspects.