

CDC News (June 2004)

The 16th CDC Meeting was held on 10 June 2004. Salient points of the discussion are as follows:

Discuss related issues on new senior secondary curriculum and assessment framework

- In view of providing students with a broad and balanced education, members expressed concerns about the relations and combinations of the four elective subjects, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Science, within Science Education Key Learning Area. Further discussion on the issue would be needed.
- The emphasis of Technology Education would be on developing the knowledge and skill of students as a user of the system and understand the rationale whereas COC would focus more on work-related studies, the career and the practical aspect. In addition, teachers' continuous professional development was important.
- There was an element of language arts in the English Language curriculum. The focus of language arts was to make use of literary texts to promote English language learning whereas the literature in English would emphasize more on critical appreciation.
- Members also expressed concern about the weighting of school-based assessment and the self-designed modules in the Chinese Language curriculum. Further discussion on the issue would be needed.