

## **CDC News (February 2003)**

At the 11<sup>th</sup> CDC Meeting held on 28 February 2003, the following key issues were deliberated and noted:

### Enhancing students' Putonghua proficiency

- The social demands and student needs of Putonghua were recognized.
- The Putonghua Curriculum would have to be revised to strengthen the development of students' listening and speaking skills.
- Schools should take positive actions to promote Putonghua through relevant activities including learning and teaching.
- There should be a policy and timetable set for Putonghua as the MOI for Chinese Language, but they should not be applied across the board to all schools, depending on whether the schools have the necessary conditions.

### Media Strategy Task Force

- For effective promotion and dissemination of curriculum reform, the Task Force would propose a series of actions to align with the key events of CDI or related events from other divisions of EMB in the coming year.

### Promotion of Moral and Civic Education

- Community services provided schools with an example of "Learning through service" to promote effectively Moral & Civic Education. A seed project on this theme was conducted and the experiences would be conceptualized and consolidated for schools' reference.
- Students in the short-term phase would focus on some core values and attitudes, which were generic and applicable to various life events.