

CDC News (December 2004)

The 17th CDC Meeting was held on 13 December 2004. Salient points of the discussion are as follows:

Report on the progress of the consultation of the new 3+3+4 education system

- A large number of briefing sessions had been organized for various stakeholders. In general, the public supported the “3+3+4” academic structure reform though some principals worried about the human resources needed to implement the new system.
- A committee on Career-oriented Studies had been formed to work on the accreditation of the courses provided.

Discuss related issues on senior secondary curriculum and assessment

- It was proposed that the SS Science curriculum would be offered in two streams: the General Science stream for students who do not take another science subject and Combined Science stream for students who take 2 science subjects. One Committee should explore the curriculum and the detailed arrangement for delivering the Combined Science mode in schools.
- The Chinese culture and the core values of Chinese people could be strengthened in Liberal Studies. All students should be required to take LS public examination, but more measures should be taken to ensure fairness and objectivity in assessment. More professional development programmes should be available for preparing teachers to teach LS.
- The HKEAA would develop standardized guidelines for the implementation of SBA in schools to assure validity and reliability. To ensure credibility, the SBA results for individual school would be moderated.