

## **CDC News (September 2005)**

The 18<sup>th</sup> CDC Meeting was held on 16 September 2005. Salient points of the discussion are as follows:

### **Report on the latest development of the New Senior Secondary (NSS) Curriculum and the supporting measures**

- Research & Development (RD) projects would be carried out to collect useful data and information for implementing the NSS Curriculum.
- Learning and teaching resources for Liberal Studies would be available in October 2005 and uploaded onto the Web.
- There would be continuous consultations with various stakeholders especially on the issues of Career-oriented Studies (COS) and education for students with special educational needs (SEN).
- School Leaders Workshops for Planning 334 would be organised for all secondary schools in the coming school year.
- It was anticipated that by mid-2006, the universities would provide details of specific admission requirements at the faculty and programme levels.
- There was a new funding mode to support schools in offering the Career-oriented Curriculum (COC) in this academic year. Apart from the subsidy provided by the EMB and the 18% recurrent cost to be recovered from students who could afford it, schools would be encouraged to deploy resources flexibly to meet their students' needs. It was anticipated that the major concern for COS in future was not on funding but teacher preparation.
- Schools should prepare their students for the subject Liberal Studies by equipping them with a good knowledge base in the eight key learning areas at the junior secondary level.