

## **CDC News (April 2006)**

The 20<sup>th</sup> CDC Meeting was held on 4 April 2006. Salient points of the discussion are as follows:

### **Report on the 3<sup>rd</sup> KLA Survey results**

- The preliminary major findings of the 3rd KLA Survey conducted in October 2005 were presented.
- The following areas could be pursued further as follow-up:
  - Collecting data from students and parents to examine how they perceive student learning through focus group interviews.
  - Contextualising further analysis of the research data and explore whether there was significant difference among schools across the 3-year longitudinal studies.
- A task group was formed to propose ways for disseminating the survey findings.

### **Discussion on the curriculum reform interim review**

- Apart from the KLA surveys, a lot of programme evaluation studies including those focusing on curriculum leaders and seed projects have been conducted to triangulate findings.
- The interim review would focus on:
  - Communication with the public on the key findings of the survey and programme evaluation studies.
  - Apart from the voices of the school heads and teachers, students' voice and parents' views should be included for better illustration and suggestions for improvement.

### **Some Views on School-based Assessment (SBA)**

- It was opined that SBA should be implemented with some streamlining procedures to make it more acceptable.
- There was a need to strike a balance between the theoretical considerations and the implementation details in devising an effective and fair mechanism for SBA.