

CDC News (February 2008)

The 27th CDC Meeting was held on 22 February 2008. Salient points of the discussion are as follows:

Progress Report on the Final Consultation on 2012 Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination Proposed Chinese and English Language Assessment Framework

- The initial findings of the survey (from about 200 analysed questionnaires) were rather positive and the final results would be ready by end of March. Seminars would be conducted in late March before finalising the two assessment frameworks in April 2008.
- Sample assessment papers would be disseminated and uploaded onto the web in the first quarter of 2009.

An Update on the Progress of New Senior Secondary Curriculum Reform

- Communication with various stakeholders would be continued. Their concerns including pathways of students, involvement of universities in helping teachers to cope with the changes would be further discussed.
- Incremental and strategic implementation of SBA would be adopted from 2012 to 2016. The weightings of SBA for most subjects (15% to 30%) would be low in the initial stage. Professional development programmes would be organised to enable teachers to familiarise themselves with the rationale and the arrangement of SBA.
- A holistic review on public assessment would be conducted in 2013.
- The training workshops would also focus on catering for learner diversity. The underlying principles of the reform would be reiterated.
- The universities would make the admission requirements clear to parents and students.

Draft Framework of Senior Secondary Curriculum Guide (SSCG)

- SSCG would be in the form of self-contained booklets and might supplement with an abridged edition to serve as a quick reference.

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- The consultation on the “Supplementary Guide to the Chinese Language Curriculum for Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) Students” would be ended on 22 March. Views and suggestions received in the consultation would be reported to the CDC after the consultation.