

CDC News (January 2014)

The 44th CDC Meeting was held on 18 September 2013 (Wednesday). Salient points of the discussion are as follows:

The medium-term review of the New Academic Structure (NAS)

- Following the NAS Review with short-term recommendations and support measures announced in April 2013, the NAS Review (medium-term) would be conducted to address the unresolved and emerging issues which required a longer time and a more holistic approach to the policy. The major issues for deliberation included curriculum and assessment in the nine NSS subjects and Applied Learning, holistic review of the total impact of SBA, as well as other related and emerging issues.
- The first batch of medium-term recommendations would be announced in July 2014 while the last batch of medium-term recommendations would be made not later than July 2015.

The proposed amendments to the CDC Handbook

- In view of the development of the NAS review, updating on the roles and functions, composition and terms of office of the CDC-HKEAA Committees in the CDC Handbook 2013 were proposed. After discussion, the proposed amendments were endorsed by members.

Progress of the updating of the Basic Education Curriculum Guide (BECG)

- Taking into consideration the changing contexts of the whole-school curriculum and different domains since the curriculum reform in 2001, the BECG would be updated to deepen the “Learning to Learn” curriculum reform and to enhance learning, teaching and assessment for the benefit of students in primary schools.
- With the implementation of the NSS curriculum and assessment since 2009, it was proposed to split the BECG (P1-S3) into two Curriculum Guides, namely Primary Education Curriculum Guide (PECG) and Secondary Education Curriculum Guide (SECG). The PECG (P1-P6) was expected to be uploaded to the EDB website in July 2014.