

CDC News (July 2015)

The 50th CDC Meeting was held on 16 April 2015 (Thursday). Salient points of the discussion are as follows:

The progress of development of gifted education in Hong Kong in the past ten years

- The current situation of gifted education including teacher training, services for students and parents was reported in the meeting. The Education Bureau and the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education would continue to work closely to further enhance the quality of the existing services.

The progress of work of the Advisory Committee on “Business-related Learning” in Technology Education KLA at Senior Secondary Level (the Advisory Committee)

- The Advisory Committee was formed in February 2015. Five directional action items were proposed by the Advisory Committee with a view to facilitating further discussion on the ultimate way forward for the development of business-related learning in schools in Hong Kong.

Part 1 of the last batch of recommendations for the New Academic Structure Medium-term Review and the way forward

- A comprehensive review of School-based Assessment (SBA) with multi-level consultation and professional discussion had been conducted based on a set of professional principles to address the issue of cross-subject coordination and workload.
- Members concurred that the overall streamlining of SBA would help ease the workload of students and teachers without compromising the validity of public assessments. The recommendations on the holistic review of SBA were endorsed.
- Members endorsed the recommendations relating to curriculum, assessment and SBA for the 17 Category A subjects, and refining the levels of performance in Applied Learning.
- The concerns and suggestions from members on the last batch of recommendations (Part 1) would be raised in the joint CDC-HKEAA Public Examinations Board (CDC-PEB) meeting to facilitate a thorough discussion and

to inform decision making.

- An extended consultation had been launched to solicit further views from schools regarding some of the proposed initial recommendations on Mathematics, Liberal Studies, Tourism and Hospitality Studies and Visual Arts. Related recommendations would be submitted for deliberation at the joint CDC-PEB meeting in June 2015.

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- On top of the original five actions on the Fourth Strategy on Information Technology in Education (ITE4), “sustaining the coherent development of IT in Education” had been proposed.