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The 51st CDC Meeting was held on 22 June 2015 (Monday). Salient points of the discussion are as follows:

Part 2 of the last batch of recommendations for the New Academic Structure (NAS) Medium-term Review and the way forward

- The same principle-led design of the review, which had considered and balanced a range of perspectives in the best interest of students, continued to be adopted for the Medium-term Review.
- Members reaffirmed the seven learning goals, endorsed the broad and balanced student programme with diversification and supported the recommendations on the overall student programme of the senior secondary curriculum.
- Members noted the findings of the four subjects with extended consultation, namely Mathematics, Liberal Studies, Tourism and Hospitality Studies, and Visual Arts, and endorsed the respective recommendations.
- Members agreed to the recommendations to enhance the implementation of the NAS.

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- The progress of updating the Secondary Education Curriculum Guide and the Key Learning Area Curriculum Guides was reported. The seven learning goals had been revisited to embrace the changing contexts and initial suggestions for update had been floated for deliberations.
- On recommendation from the Working Group on Revising Junior Secondary Chinese History Curriculum, the CDC Committee on Personal, Social and Humanities Education KLA endorsed the proposal to give schools the flexibility to decide on when and how to achieve the goal of "putting equal emphasis on ancient and modern history" (古今並重) in implementing the Chinese History curriculum.
- The meeting noted the progress of the production of the audio-visual teaching packages on Basic Law education for primary and secondary schools. The EDB would continue to provide support measures to facilitate the promotion of Basic Law education in schools.