

CDC News (Dec 2016)

The 57th CDC Meeting was held on 23 November 2016 (Wednesday). Salient points of the discussion are summarised as follows:

Draft Secondary Education Curriculum Guide (SECG) (2017)

- Major updates and key messages of the draft SECG, which were endorsed by the Ad Hoc Committee on SECG, were reported. The need to strengthen students' knowledge of the Basic Law, the objectives, time allocation in the whole-school curriculum and work progress in promoting Basic Law education in schools were also shared.
- Members offered final comments on the draft SECG including means for effective implementation of SECG and Basic Law education in schools, enhancing communication with schools on and deepening teachers' understanding of Basic Law education, and the support for holistic curriculum planning in teaching Chinese history and Chinese culture.

Initial recommendations on the development of business-related learning in Technology Education Key Learning Area at the senior secondary (SS) level and the proposed plan for collecting feedback

- The direction of the development of business-related learning at the senior secondary level and the initial recommendations for the ultimate way forward of the Business, Accounting and Financial Studies (BAFS) curriculum and assessment was reported.
- Members offered views on the initial recommendations on the proposed changes in the BAFS curriculum and assessment framework, including teachers' perception on the implementation of the subject.
- Members supported the overall direction of the development of business-related learning at the senior secondary level and endorsed the initial recommendations on the proposed changes in the curriculum and assessment framework for feedback collection.

Draft report on STEM Education

- The progress of promoting STEM education and the contents of the report on STEM education to be released was reported.

- Members offered views and suggestions on the promotion of STEM education, including enhancing the promotion at the senior secondary level and putting more efforts on nurturing students' creativity and innovativeness.
- Members endorsed the recommended strategies and actions in the draft report.

Feedback collection of updating the Geography curriculum (S4-6)

- The progress of revising the senior secondary Geography curriculum was reported.
- Members endorsed the proposal for feedback collection.

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- Results of feedback collection on updating the *Kindergarten Education Curriculum Guide (2017)* and actions to be taken were reported.
- The progress on updating the *Applied Learning C&A Guide (Senior Secondary Level)* was reported.

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