

CDC Committee on English Language Education 2019-21
Gist of the Third Meeting

Date: 9 November 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Venue: E306, 3/F, East Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

1. To confirm the minutes of the second meeting of the CDCC on ELE (2019-21) held on 17 January 2020

- The minutes of the second meeting of the CDCC on ELE (2019-21) were confirmed without any amendments.

2. Matters arising from the last meeting

- Members were informed of the latest development of Applied Learning (Vocational English) including the curriculum structure, recognition of the qualification and implementation of the courses. It will be offered as an elective subject in the senior secondary curriculum starting from the 2020/21 school year. The courses for S4 students in the 2021-23 cohort will commence in around February 2021 and those for S5 students will start in around September 2021.
- Members' observations and views were noted.

3. To report on and discuss the performance of candidates in English Language and Literature in English in the 2020 HKDSE examination

- Members were briefed on various aspects of candidates' performance in English Language and Literature in English in the 2020 HKDSE Examination. Overall, the results in the 2020 Examination were slightly better than those in the 2019 Examination, with more candidates obtaining Level 3 or above.
- Members' observations and views were noted.

4. To report on the recommendations in the final report by the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum and discuss measures in support of the recommendations

- Members were briefed on the background of the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum, which submitted their final report to the Education Bureau in September 2020 with six recommendations, namely whole-person development, values education, creating space and catering for learner diversity, Applied Learning, university admissions and STEM Education. Members' attention was drawn to the recommendations related to the curriculum and assessment of English Language. Proposed changes to the curriculum and assessment were

presented and discussed.

- Members' observations and views were noted.

5. To report on the support measures provided to schools

- Members were briefed on the various support measures, including resource materials and the professional development programmes for the 2020/2021 school year, provided to schools.

6. To introduce the campaign on Promotion of Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom and Poetry Remake Competition

- Members were briefed on the resource materials developed for and student activities to be organised under the campaign on Promotion of Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom and the aims and entry requirements of the Poetry Remake Competition.

7. A.O.B.

- As Dr Neil DRAVE would end his service at the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority soon, the Chairperson, on behalf of the Committee, expressed gratitude to Dr DRAVE for his service, dedication and contribution to the CDCC on ELE over the past years.
- There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:15 p.m.