

**Gist of the Second Meeting of
Curriculum Development Council Committee on Gifted Education (2010/11)**

Date: 7 March 2011 (Mon)
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Venue: E304, 3/F, East Block, EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre

Notes:

1. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting and matters arising

One member pointed out the amendments of the minutes of last meeting. All members agreed with the amendments and confirmed the minutes.

The Chairperson said that Dr. Echo WU would leave Hong Kong and her membership of the CDCC on GE would cease.

The 19th Biennial world conference of the WCGTC would be held from August 8 to 12, 2011 in Prague – Czech Republic. Interested parties in gifted education and talented development were welcome to attend the conference

2. Reporting on the follow-up of issues mentioned in last meeting

(i) Territory-wide baseline survey on school-based Gifted Education provision in Hong Kong

- The questionnaire was expected to be sent out by 10 March and schools were expected to return the completed questionnaire by the end of March.
- The Chairperson thanked to various members and the colleagues of the GE Section who contributed to the ideas of administrating the survey, designing the questionnaire as well as the language polishing.

(ii) An exchange tour to Shenzhen

- One member proposed and the Meeting agreed to liaise with the Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers to organise the tour.
- In order to understand provision for gifted students in Shenzhen and to explore the practice of possible good practices, it would be better if the tour could include visiting one secondary school, one primary school (Level 1 and Level 2) as well as Shenzhen Children's Palace (Level 3) where different talent development classes could be found.

(iii) The impact of the HKDSE on the further study of gifted students

The Vice-Chairperson informed all members about a written feedback from PAS(CD) in regard to the policy on retaining talents in Hong Kong. He relayed that GE was a part of a 10-year review of the curriculum and assessment reform. The views and concerns of the CDCC on GE would be revisited as well as taken on board in the evaluation.

3. Updating members on the latest development of programmes at all levels including the services form the HKAGE

The Secretary briefed all members about the latest development of the Section with reference to the paper "*An update of the latest provision of the Gifted Education Section (Jan – Mar 2011)*".

The update covered the latest development in various professional development programmes conducted so far, projects and curriculum resources production, curriculum development visits, student activities and research project.

Regarding the recent workshops “Advanced Programme in Gifted Education for Teachers: KLA-specific Curriculum Differentiation” commissioned to the National Institute of Education from Singapore (NIE), members expressed that the trainers demonstrated rich experience in training teachers of GE and structured pedagogical knowledge of curriculum differentiation for the gifted. Teachers could grasp the strategies through the practical sharing session.

The Secretary reported that a new round of update of the exhibition in the Young Achievers’ Gallery had been started. 10 video portraits were being produced and it was expected that the project would be completed in late May. Members suggested that different channels such as media and library should be explored to enhance the promotion of the video portraits. Loan service for the YAG display stand could be introduced to inform the public about the latest development of the GE.

The AD(PS) of the HKAGE updated the members of the latest development/achievement of the HKAGE as follows:

- For the Student Programmes and Services Division, 24 programmes had been completed while one programme was on-going, from October to December 2010. Altogether 566 head counts were recorded for all the programmes.
- For Teacher Professional Development Division, 591 head counts were recorded for the various seminars and talks offered.
- For Parent Services Division, 1088 head counts were recorded for the programmes/services offered and 145 cases for consultation/assessment were entertained

(Note: These data are for the period of Oct 2010-Dec 2010)

4. Collecting views about extending provision to gifted students in the Arts and Sports domains

- The HKAGE planned to develop more programmes in Arts, especially programmes in media art after the establishment of the new centre in Shatin.
- Member suggested that the EDB might consider organising music programmes like “Concert in the Park”, arts exhibitions as well as the educational showcase for the artistically gifted every Sunday in the Park or vacant school premises.
- These programmes could not only provide opportunities for developing students’ talent in music and arts, but also help cultivate the cultural atmosphere among Hong Kong citizens.

5 Any Other Business

A member reported that Dr. Alexander Lo Che-wah was expelled from the Hong Kong Psychological Society on 14 February 2011. All members were alerted about similar mal-practice in the field and were cautioned not to seek services from unqualified, self-claimed psychologists.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.