

CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2015-2017)

Gist of 1st Meeting

Date of meeting: 30 September 2015

Agenda Items:

1. To introduce the terms of references, roles and function of the committee.
2. To elect the chairperson for the committee.
3. To report the latest updates on Biology and Combined Science (Biology Part) Curriculum and Assessment Guides.
4. To brief on the progress of the promotion of STEM education.
5. To report the progress of review of the Science Curriculum (S1-3) and the updating of the Science Education KLA guide.

Salient points of the discussion:

1. The terms of reference, roles and functions of the CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2015-2017) were introduced.
2. Dr CHEUNG Siu-gin was elected as the chairperson of the committee.
3. The latest updates on the Curriculum and Assessment (C&A) Guides of Biology and Combined Science (Biology Part) were reported. Members agreed with all the updates on the C&A Guides.
4. The progress of the promotion of STEM education was reported, and the position and scope of STEM education in schools were outlined. In general, members agreed with the recommendations and strategies for promoting STEM education. The schedule of the upcoming signature events on STEM education was briefed and members were invited to join the events.
5. The progress of updating the Science Education KLA Guide was reported. Members generally agreed with the direction of updating.
6. The progress of the review of the Science (S1-3) Curriculum was reported. Members were interested in the proposed updates of the biology-related topics, and had a discussion on the depth of treatment of certain topics. After a brief discussion, members were of the view that the revision should ensure vertical continuity in the learning of science at junior and senior secondary levels. Members were informed that it was one of the directions of the review.

Date of the next meeting: March 2016