

CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2015-2017)
Gist of 3rd Meeting

Date of meeting: 25 January 2017

Agenda Items:

1. Discussion on ways to cater for learner diversity through curriculum and examination design
2. Report on the progress of review of Junior Secondary Science Curriculum and the updating of Science Education KLA Curriculum Guide
3. Brief on the progress of the promotion of STEM education
4. Report on the professional development programmes on Biology held in the year 2016/2017

Gist:

1. The objective of catering for learner diversity through curriculum and examination design was briefed. Members shared their views about various strategies in catering the learner diversity of their students.
2. The updated Science (S1-3) curriculum was finalised and was received by the Curriculum Development Council. Tryout/piloting of learning and teaching of the updated curriculum in schools and the development of resources on the updated curriculum were in progress. New textbooks for the updated curriculum were expected to be available for territory wide implementation in 2018/19 school year.
3. The Science Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (P1-S6) was updated and the draft was received by the Curriculum Development Council. There would be briefing seminars held in April/May 2017 to brief teachers about the major updates and collect further views and suggestions from participants on the updates.
4. A Report on Promotion of STEM Education was released in Dec 2016. The final recommendations for the promotion of STEM education in primary and secondary schools which were garnered from a consultation conducted from late 2015 to early 2016 were set out in the report. Some major student events related to STEM education to be held this school year were reported.
5. Ten different professional development programmes for Biology and Combined Science (Biology) teachers as well as laboratory technicians planned in the 2016/2017 school year were briefly introduced and participants' general feedback about some held programmes were briefly reported.

Date of the next meeting: June to July 2017