

**CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2017-2019)**  
**Gist of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

**Date of meeting: 1 Dec 2017**

1. The Secretary briefed members about the terms of reference, roles and functions of the CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology and drew their attention to the aspects in relation to conflict of interest, confidentiality and declaration of interest.
2. Dr CHEUNG Siu-gin was elected as Chairperson of CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology.
3. The minutes of the fourth meeting of the CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2015-17) held on 19 June 2017 were noted.
4. Candidates' performance in the 2017 HKDSE Biology Examination was briefed. Candidates were generally able to handle questions that require a lower cognitive demand. Some candidates were found to have difficulties in handling questions involving reasoning, analysis and inference.
5. Professional development programmes (PDP) for Biology and Combined Science (Biology) teachers as well as laboratory technicians (to be) held in the year 2017/18 were briefly introduced. Participants' general feedback about some of the programmes was also reported. Members made suggestions about the PDPs to be held in the next school year.
6. The progress of promoting STEM education were reported and discussed. It included the launch of the intensive training programme on STEM education for curriculum leaders and middle managers of secondary schools, the setting up of the STEM Education Centre in the Arts and Technology Education Centre (ATEC) at Lok Fu, and organising some large-scale STEM related student activities like the InnoTech Expo 2017 and the Smart City Project Programme (2017/18).

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