

CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2019-2021)
The gist of 4th Meeting

Date of meeting: 23 Dec 2020

1. The notes of the third meeting of the CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2019-2021) held on 17 Aug 2020 were confirmed without any amendment.
2. The findings of the Online Survey on Teachers' Views on the Review of the Biology and the Combined Science (Biology part) Curricula were reported and discussed. Further views from different stakeholders would be liaised through focus group interviews.
3. Some focus group interviews on the review of the Biology and Combined Science (Biology part) curricula would be arranged in Jan to Mar 2021 targeting different stakeholders, including biology teacher educators, in-service biology teachers and undergraduate students studying biology-related programmes who have studied the Biology (S4-6) curriculum.
4. The new initiative of the SBA requirement for 2023 HKDSE for the cohort of the S.4 students in the 2020/21 school year was reported and discussed.
5. Some possible arrangements of Biology practical work during the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed.
6. Progress of the updates of the *List of Furniture and Equipment for Secondary School* was reported.
7. The 6 directional recommendations from the Report of the Task Force on School Curriculum Review, with highlights on "Strengthen STEM Education" and "Further Promote Applied Learning" were reported and discussed.
8. Views from school principals and teachers offering Combined Science collected from some focus group interviews were reported and discussed.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.
