

## **Joint Meeting of the CDC-HKEAA Committee on English Language (2013-2015) and the HKDSE English Language Subject Committee (2014/2015)**

**Date of meeting:** 10 October 2014 (Friday)

### **Gist of the meeting:**

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 4 Apr 2014 were confirmed with no amendments.
2. There were no matters arising from the last meeting.
3. The background on the updating of the *English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (ELE KLACG)* was presented. It was remarked that the *ELE KLACG* published in 2002 would be extended to cover Key Stages 1-4. Supplements on the learning and teaching of English at KS3 as well as exemplars would be developed for the *ELE KLACG* in the process of updating. The *Syllabuses for Secondary Schools: English Language (Secondary 1-5)* (1999) would be phased out.
4. As far as the subject survey for the 2014 HKDSE Examination was concerned, the teacher respondents gave generally favourable comments on the assessment framework and the design of the 2014 Examination papers. They also recognised the beneficial backwash effect of standards-referenced reporting on learning and teaching.
5. Based on the feedback collected from the focus group interviews with academics, English Language panel chairpersons/teachers and 2013/14 S6 students, it was recommended that two to three modules in the Elective Part be offered in the course of three years. In this respect, learner diversity could be better catered for by giving teachers the flexibility in deciding the number of elective modules to be offered based on the interests and needs of students. It was also recommended that support measures in connection with e-learning and the teaching of grammar in context be provided, with a view to addressing teachers' professional development needs and concerns and helping their planning and implementation of the senior secondary English Language curriculum and assessment.
6. A survey questionnaire would be distributed to all secondary schools in Nov 2014 to collect their views on the initial Medium-term Review recommendations. A meeting which involved members on the CDCC, CDC-HKEAA Committee and HKDSE Subject Committee would be organised in Feb 2015 to discuss findings from the school survey, and to improve and finalise the proposed Medium-term Review recommendations based on the survey findings. The proposed Medium-term Review recommendations would be submitted to the joint CDC-PEB meeting for endorsement in Apr 2015. The last batch of Medium-term Review recommendations (for teaching at Secondary 4 in the 2015/16 s.y. leading to the 2018 HKDSE Examination) would be announced in Jun 2015.