

CDC-HKEAA Committee on English Language (2023-2025)
Gist of the 1st Meeting

Date: 3 November 2023 (Friday)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Venue: W303, 3/F, West Block, EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19
Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

Gist of the meeting:

1. The terms of reference, term of office (i.e. September 2023 – August 2025) and roles and functions of the Committee were explained to members and their attention was drawn to issues related to confidentiality, absence and quorum, as well as the composition of the Committee and the role of the Chairperson.
2. A secret ballot election was conducted. Ms WONG Mei-chu from Madam Lau Kam Lung Secondary School of Miu Fat Buddhist Monastery was elected the Chairperson of the Committee.
3. Candidates' performance in the 2023 HKDSE Examination for English Language was reported and discussed. It was observed that candidates' performance was generally consistent compared to that of previous years. Suggestions were made regarding the ways to help students develop the target language skills.
4. The latest development of the Internet-delivered speaking test (IDST) for the HKDSE English Language Examination was reported. To date, there was no definite timeline for the implementation of the IDST.
5. The Campaign on "Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom 2023/24" was introduced. Information about the activities/competitions to be held and the learning and teaching resources to be provided to schools was presented.
6. Support measures to be provided to schools in the 2023/24 school year on the promotion of the academic and creative uses of English, and values education (including national education/national security education) and development of speaking skills were reported.
7. The latest development of English-related Applied Learning courses and measures to support their smooth implementation were reported.