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The third CDC meeting for 1999/2000 was held on 23 June 2000. Salient points of the discussion are summarized as follows:

- At the meeting, public views on the curriculum reforms proposed in the consultation document, '*Review of Education System ¾ Reform Proposals*' issued by the Education Commission in May 2000 were discussed. Members suggested that
  - i. teachers needed to be given more time and opportunities to observe each other's lessons, to share experiences, to prepare lessons collaboratively and to conduct curriculum research and development activities so as to enhance teaching and learning, and
  - ii. more practical and effective exemplars had to be included for teachers' reference in the future Curriculum Guidelines.
  
- The Council would submit their views on the following issues regarding the Education Commission's proposals:
  - i. the possible abolition of the Academic Aptitude Tests and the subsequent arrangements,
  - ii. the Basic Competency Assessments in Chinese, English and Mathematics,
  - iii. the University education and admission system, and
  - iv. the language policy.
  
- The document '*Information Technology Learning Targets for Hong Kong Schools*' was endorsed. It was pointed out that information technology should be regarded as a generic skill to be applied in learning, rather to be treated as a subject.
  
- The Council's study group to the U.S.A. on Science and Technology Education reported on the visit. They pointed out that the country's resources and the cultural characteristics much facilitated the development of science and technology education in the U.S.

- The Council also endorsed the setting up of an ad hoc committee to review the restructured CDC.

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- Information Technology Learning Targets for Hong Kong Schools (a summarized document)

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