

CDC News (April 2014)

The 45th CDC Meeting was held on 18 December 2013 (Wednesday). Salient points of the discussion are as follows:

The medium-term review of the New Academic Structure (NAS)

- The NAS medium-term review was formally launched with a consultation document and a circular memorandum issued on 11 October 2013. Deliberation on review issues were carried out under the review mechanism of CDC, CDCC and One Committees, as well as working groups of various subjects.
- A school survey for school principals and some subjects would be conducted in early 2014 as appropriate to collect views from schools on the initial recommendations. The first batch of medium-term recommendations would be ready for deliberation and endorsement in the CDC-PEB meeting scheduled for 10 April 2014.

The updated Basic Education Curriculum Guide (BECG) for Key Stages 1 & 2

- The first draft of BECG (P1-P6) was ready for comment at the end of October 2013. Comments collected from different channels would be incorporated for further improvement of the BECG (P1-P6).
- The BECG (P1-S3) would be split into two Curriculum Guides to provide better support for primary and secondary school teachers.

The review of the Junior Secondary Chinese History and History curriculum

- The background, current situation of learning and teaching, as well as issues of concern on the review of Chinese History and History curriculum were discussed. Members gave views on the future development of Chinese History and History curriculum, and agreed in principle with the consensus reached at the second meeting of the CDCC on PSHE and its recommendations. Further discussion at various levels on the details and regular feedback from CDCC on any further development was expected.

The progress of the review of TSA

- Further to the suspension of P6 TSA in 2012 and 2014, other possible enhancement measures were explored through extensive consultation. Major recommendations were subsequently proposed taking into account the feedback

collected from different stakeholders. Members agreed with the proposed arrangement for TSA to be implemented in mid 2014 and onwards with no further comments.