

CDC Committee on English Language Education 2019-21  
Gist of the Fourth Meeting

Date: 12 March 2021 (Friday)  
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.  
Venue: Online meeting via Zoom

- 1. To confirm the minutes of the third meeting of the CDCC on ELE (2019-21) held on 9 November 2020**
  - The minutes of the third meeting of the CDCC on ELE (2019-21) were confirmed without any amendments.
  
- 2. Matters arising from the last meeting**
  - Members were informed of the latest development of Applied Learning (Vocational English) [ApL(VocE)], including the implementation timeline for the 2021-2023 cohort and the work plan for the 2022-2024 cohort. For the 2021-2023 cohort, early commencement of ApL(VocE) courses for S4 students had already started in February 2021 and the taster programmes for current S4 students would start in March 2021. As for the 2022-2024 cohort, the application for early commencement courses would begin in May 2021.
  
- 3. To report on the consultation findings on the proposed optimising arrangements for senior secondary English Language**
  - The optimising arrangements on senior secondary English Language were revisited.
  - Members were briefed on the feedback on the proposed optimising arrangements for senior secondary English Language as collected from the school questionnaire survey, school briefing sessions and focus group interviews with English panel chairpersons during the consultation period from 2 February to 2 March 2021.
  
- 4. To discuss the optimising arrangements for senior secondary English Language**
  - The finalised proposal on changes in the curriculum time and design, measures to strengthen cross-curricular links and collaboration, and finalised design of the HKDSE English Language Paper 2 (Writing) Part B and School-based Assessment (SBA) were presented and discussed.
  - Members' observations and views were noted. The finalised proposal was supported by members and would be put up for endorsement by the Curriculum Development Council.

**5. To report on the latest support measures provided to schools**

- Members were updated on the progress of the campaign on “Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom”. The development and dissemination of resource materials for the campaign, including SOWIT videos and the respective sets of teaching plans, posters and publicity measures, were reported. Other support measures for the implementation of the English Language curriculum, such as the development of various electronic resource materials on multimodal literacy and Reading across the Curriculum as well as academic and creative uses of English in response to the recommendations made in the Final Report of the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum, were introduced.

**6. A.O.B.**

- There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:05 p.m.