

CDC Committee on English Language Education 2021-2023

Gist of the First Meeting

Date: 1 November 2021

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

Venue: W421, 4/F, West Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

1. To introduce the terms of reference, roles and functions of the CDC Committee on English Language Education (2021-2023) as well as guidelines to observe

- The Vice-chairperson welcomed all the members to the first meeting of the CDC Committee (CDCC) on English Language Education (ELE) 2021-2023 and introduced the members.
- The Secretary explained the terms of reference, roles and functions of the CDCC on ELE as well as issues related to the term of office and eligibility, quorum and decision making of meetings, confidentiality and publicity and declaration of interest at meetings.

2. To introduce the members and elect the Chairperson for the term of office 2021-2023

- Ms SIT Yee-mei, Rowan was elected Chairperson of the CDCC on ELE 2021-2023.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2021

- The minutes of the fifth meeting of the CDCC on ELE (2019-21) were confirmed without any amendments.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting

- There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

5. To report on the progress on optimising measures for senior secondary English Language

- Members were briefed on the progress of resources development in support of the optimising measures for senior secondary English Language, which included the updating of The *English Language Curriculum and Assessment Guide (S4-6)*(2021), the 2024 HKDSE English Language Assessment Framework and the SBA Handbook. A promotional video was launched and sample writing papers were available on the HKEAA website. Professional development programmes on optimising senior secondary English Language would be conducted in the 2021/22 school year and a self-learning online platform on academic and creative uses of English would be developed.
- Members were updated on the progress of provision of English-related Applied Learning (ApL) courses in the 2021-23 and 2022-24 cohorts. Schools' response to the Applied Learning (Vocational English) courses was very positive. A new ApL course on Translation Studies would be on offer starting from the 2022-24 cohort.

6. To report on and discuss the performance of candidates in the 2021 HKDSE English Language and Literature in English examinations

- Members were briefed on the various aspects of candidates' performance in the 2021 HKDSE English Language and Literature in English examinations, such as subject results, subject/paper statistics and popularity of questions. No special comments were raised by members of this Committee.

7. To introduce the Campaign on “Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom 2021/22”

- A recap of the Campaign on “Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom 2020/21” (the SOW Campaign), including development and dissemination of resource materials, conduct of student activities as well as publicity measures, was provided.
- Members were briefed on the objectives and key components of the SOW Campaign 2021/22.

8. To report on the support measures provided to schools in the 2021/22 school year

- Members were updated on the various support measures, including print and electronic resources, Collaborative Research and Development (“SEED”) Projects and the professional development programmes for the 2021/22 school year, provided to schools.

9. A.O.B.

- Members were briefed on the progress of work pertaining to the replacement of set texts in Literature in English.
- There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:40 p.m.