

**Notes of the Third Meeting of
Curriculum Development Council Committee on Gifted Education (2005 – 2006)**

Date: 27 June 2006
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Venue: Rm E303, 3/F, East Block, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre

- 1. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**
The minutes for the 2nd and the follow-up meetings were confirmed without any amendments.
- 2. To discuss the structure, terms of reference as well as roles and functions of the proposed Ad Hoc Committee**
 - 2.1 Referring to the discussion in the 2nd meeting and its follow-up meeting, the Section was going to form 3 ad hoc committees to work on the tasks below:
 - a) to formulate the strategic measures for inviting community participation in GE.
 - b) to develop the identification checklist, parent pamphlet and parent education in GE.
 - c) to develop the acceleration guideline in GE for school reference.
 - 2.2 All of the proposed ad hoc committee members of the 3 ad hoc committees were endorsed by the Committee and Secretary would follow-up with the invitation.
 - 2.3 The terms of reference and terms of office were discussed and confirmed with the following amendments:
 - (i) The term of office of ad hoc committee of CDCC (GE) on community participation in GE was changed to August 2006 – July 2007 (1 year).
 - (ii) The term of office of ad hoc committee of CDCC (GE) on the development of identification checklist, parent pamphlet and parent education in GE was changed to August 2006 – January 2007 (6 months).
 - (iii) The term of office of ad hoc committee of CDCC (GE) on the development of acceleration guideline in GE for school reference was changed to August 2006 – July 2007 (1 year).
- 3. To report the research findings of the interim study of the 5-year Support Measures for the Exceptionally Gifted Scheme**
 - 3.1 SCDO(GE)1 explained the implementation and findings of major training programmes with recommendations.
 - 3.2 Members welcomed the proposal of forming the parents association provided that the role of the said association be in the line with the Section in promoting gifted education. Further suggestion was given to form teachers and principals associations as well.
- 4. To report on the latest development of the programmes at all levels**
 - 4.1 The Secretary referred members to the tabled report on the latest development of school-based team of the GE Section and introduced the latest development which included rounding up of 2-year seed project, teacher training, territory-wide competitions and the development of RGC, to the members.
 - 4.2 Members were referred to the tabled information paper on the provision of Support Measures for the Exceptionally Gifted Students (EGS). The present situation, implementation plan 2006, professional development for teachers and parent association were specified
- 5. A.O.B.**
 - 5.1 The Development and progress of RGC/QTN
 - The proposal of Regional Gifted Cluster (RGC) was merged with the QEF project of Quality Education Fund Thematic Network (QTN).
 - The QTN would start with 8 core primary schools to promote gifted education to network schools. The core schools were committed to train the teachers of the network schools in 20

different themes. 72 schools would be benefited from this project in 2 years.

- The QTN would be managed and monitored by a steering committee and a working committee. The steering committee would consist of the principals of the 8 core schools, representatives from the QEF Secretariat, CDI and scholars. The working committee would be formed by the teacher representatives from each of the 8 core schools.
- The estimated budget for the 2-year QTN project was 3.5 million.

5.2 Regarding the QTN project, members made the following comments:

- (i) The sustainability of the said project should be the focus of concern as the QEF was on project-basis.
- (ii) The QTN should learn from the experiences of the Cluster School Gifted Project and Seed Project so as to extend the networking and form a learning community in order to further develop gifted education.
- (iii) The Chairperson suggested the Section to model on this QTN project to develop new model for further development into the secondary sector.

6. A.O.B.

There was no other business.