

**Gist of the First Meeting of
Curriculum Development Council on Gifted Education 2007-2008**

Date: 16 October 2007
Time: 2:30p.m. – 6:00p.m.
Venue: Rm303, 3/F, East Block, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre

1. To welcome committee members

The retiring Chairperson welcomed committee members and encouraged members to participate actively for the development of the gifted education in HK.

2. To introduce the CDC structure, terms of reference (e.g. confidentiality, declaration of interests) and roles and functions of committee members

The Secretary introduced the terms of reference and roles and functions of committee members with reference to the Handbook for CDC committee members. Members' attention was drawn specially to issues concerning confidentiality and declaration of interests.

3. To elect Chairperson

Mr. YAU Yat-heem was elected the Chairperson.

4. To nominate co-opted members

Dr. Anna HUI and Mrs. Helen YU were elected co-opted members.

5. To confirm the minutes of last meeting and matter arising

The Secretary pointed out the amendments of the minutes of last meeting. All members agreed with the amendments and confirmed the minutes of last meeting.

6. To report the progress of the 3 ad hoc committees

The Secretary briefly introduced the tasks of the three ad hoc committees

- 6.1** The ad hoc committee on the "Development of the parent pamphlet" had completed the Chinese version and the GE Section prepared the English translation. The committee endorsed the pamphlet and the GE Section would upload the pamphlet to the Section's web after further polishing of the English version.
- 6.2** Regarding the ad hoc Committee on "Acceleration", a small scale survey on the practice of acceleration in both primary and secondary schools was completed in late July. A seminar was organised by GE Section in September 2007 to

introduce to interested schools more about different kinds of acceleration strategies in addition to grade skipping that was commonly known to schools. The first draft of the acceleration scale was near completion and would be circulated to all committee members for comment.

- 6.3** The production of a GE information folder was near completion. Completed versions would be saved in a CD-ROM and circulated to members for comments. The finalised English version and Chinese translation were expected to be completed in November 2007.

7. To endorse the parent leaflet on GE developed by the ad hoc committee and advise on the production of GE information folder

Chairperson of the ad hoc committee reported that the Chinese and English versions of the pamphlet were completed and endorsed by the ad hoc committee. The Chairperson invited comments from CDCC members.

The committee member endorsed the parent pamphlet on GE developed by the ad hoc committee and endorsed GE Section to upload the information to the Section's web.

8. To report on the latest development of the programmes at all levels and Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education

- 8.1** SCDO(GE)2 reported the latest development of the School-based Team in the following areas:

- (i) R & D Projects
- (ii) Teacher Training
- (iii) School visits
- (iv) Students Activities
- (v) Young Achievers' Gallery

- 8.2** CDO(GE)1 reported the latest development of Level 3 in the following areas:

- (i) Annual School Nomination Exercises
- (ii) L3 Activities in 2007 & 2008
- (iii) Professional Development Programme for Teachers
- (iv) Major Enhancement Programmes for Students(2008)

- 8.3** The Vice Chairperson added that GE Section and HKAGE were planning to co-organise a conference in January 2008 with British Council and British Consulate General.

9. To discuss the issue of acceleration and the stance of EDB on this issue

- 9.1** The Vice Chairperson reported the two recent cases of early admission to universities, 9-year-old boy, March Tian Boedihardjo and 14-year-old girl, HO

Hoi-lam.

- 9.2** The stance of EDB was neutral and would not institutionalize this issue.
- 9.3** Members remarked that there were rooms for further provision of resources to individual schools so that gifted students could be better catered for. The chairperson suggested arranging an informal meeting to further discuss this issue.
- 9.4** The Vice Chairperson reported the progress of HKAGE as follows:
- (i) HKAGE was registered as a company limited in March 2007.
 - (ii) The Board of Directors (BoD) was formed with a total of 10 members.
 - (iii) The Executive Director was expected to report duty fairly soon in late November.
 - (iv) The temporary office was accommodated in Fung Hon Chu Gifted Education Centre.
 - (v) A logo and letterhead design competition was being held. A soft launching would be arranged.

10. Any other business

- 10.1** The Vice Chairperson urged the members to contribute possible solutions to the following matters:
- (i) There was no education psychologist in GE Section but a lot of enquiries required such knowledge.
 - (ii) The services catering for the children below the age of 10-year-old.
 - (iii) The possible strategy and planning of pre-service teacher training.
- 10.2** Member wanted to know more about the present coverage and scope of the GE services.
- 10.3** The Chairperson suggested calling a meeting to discuss these issues within a short period of time.