Gist of the Second Meeting of

Curriculum Development Council Committee on Gifted Education 2007-2008

Date: 22 February 2008 **Time**: 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Venue: E304, 3/F, East Block, EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre

1. To welcome new co-opted members

The Chairman extended his warm welcome to the two new co-opted members as well as the Executive Director of The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education. The Executive Director of The HKAGE took the opportunity to introduce to members the present situation of the Academy.

2. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

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

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

The Secretary briefly introduced the tasks of the three Ad Hoc Committees. Secretaries of the individual ad hoc committees reported the progress of each task respectively.

3.1 The Ad Hoc Committee on Development of Identification Booklet, Parent Pamphlet and Parent Education

With the completion and endorsement of the parent pamphlet, the ad hoc committee on "Development of the parent pamphlet" was dissolved.

- **3.2** The Ad Hoc Committee on the development of Acceleration guideline in GE
 - (i.) The secretary of the ad hoc committee reported that the tasks were in good progress and the fine draft of the first three parts would be ready by March 2008.
 - (ii.) A seminar would be organised in May 2008 to introduce to schools the publication of the acceleration guideline.
- **3.3** *The Ad Hoc Committee on Community Participation*

As the GE Information Pack was successfully completed in 2007, the Ad Hoc committee was dissolved at the end of 2007 when the term of service expired.

4. To endorse the production of GE Information Pack

The GE Information Pack had been compiled in response to CDCC members' suggestion. The final draft had been circulated to all CDCC members in November 2007. Suggestions were received and amendments were made accordingly. The CDCC(GE) endorsed the Information Pack and both web version and printed copies would be produced for public reference.

5. To report the progress of the set up of the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education

The Vice Chairman reported the progress of the set up of the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education including the framework of the Academy, the provision of services, the collaboration mode with the GE Section and the financial and strategic development arrangements.

6. To report on the latest development of the programmes at all levels

6.1 SCDO(GE)2 reported the latest development of Level 1 & 2 with reference to the tabled report of "The latest development of school-based team of GE section".

6.2 CDO(GE)1 reported the latest development of Level 3 with reference to the tabled information paper on "The provision of off-site support (Level 3)".

7. To discuss the possible strategy and planning of pre-service teacher training

The Vice Chairman led the discussion by introducing the possible strategies and planning of pre-service teacher training.

- (i) Members pointed out that teacher and principalship training courses could be better implemented with the collaboration of the EDB, principals and parents.
- (ii) The Vice-chairman suggested that during the orientation courses for beginning teachers, GE Section could play a more active role in introducing the conceptions, resources and survival skills related to gifted education.