

**Gist of the First Meeting of
Curriculum Development Council Committee on Gifted Education (2010/11)**

Date: 16 December 2010 (Thu)
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Venue: E306, 3/F, East Block, EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre

Notes:

- 1. Welcoming new co-opted members - Mr Woo Kwok-yin and Dr Anna Hui**
 - The chairperson welcomed and introduced the two newly co-opted members, Mr Woo Kwok-yin and Dr Anna Hui to all committee members

- 2. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of the last meeting was confirmed without any amendments.

- 3. Reporting on the follow-up of issues mentioned in last meeting**
 - (i) Territory-wide baseline survey on school-based Gifted Education provision in Hong Kong
 - Professor Joyce Van Tassel-Baska and Dr Kimberly Chandler of the College of William and Mary accepted our invitation to act as the consultants of the Survey.
 - The GE section could make use of the data from the survey and plan for long-term services for the Gifted Education provision in Hong Kong.
 - It was agreed that two Ad hoc committees, with the volunteer members, were to be set up to facilitate the implementation of the survey:-
 - a. Ad hoc committee on “The delivery of the Baseline Survey”
 - b. Ad hoc committee on “The Chinese Translation of the survey instrument”
 - (ii) The impact of the HKDSE on the further study of gifted students
PAS(CD) was consulting the Further and Higher Education Branch and therefore the written reply was pending.
 - (iii) Joint EDB-HKAGE Strategy Paper
The Chairperson moved a motion for acceptance of the Strategy Paper and the motion was adopted by members. Members thanked the contribution of the GE Section and the HKAGE.
 - (iv) “超常人才教育國際論壇”
Three members attended the “超常人才教育國際論壇” in Hangzhou, China and shared their observation with committee members. The keynote speakers in the Conference included Prof. He Shuman and Prof. Chen Jin.

- 4. Updating members on the latest development of programmes at all levels including the services form the HKAGE**

The Secretary briefed all members about the latest development of the Section with reference to the paper “An update of the latest provision of the Gifted Education Section (Oct – Dec. 2010)” .

The update covered the latest development in various professional development programmes conducted so far, projects and curriculum resources production, curriculum development visits, student activities and research project.

The AD(SPS) of the HKAGE updated the members of the latest development/achievement of the HKAGE as follows:

- For the Student Programmes and Services Division, 57 programmes had been completed from April to December. Altogether 2129 head counts were recorded for all the programmes.
- For Parent Support Division, 3160 head counts were recorded for the programmes/services offered and 256 cases for consultation/assessment were entertained.
- For Teacher Professional Development Division, 1590 head counts were recorded for the various seminars and talks offered.

4. Discussing the possible approach to sustain the further development of QEF Thematic Network on GE (QTN-GE)

Members expressed the different views as follows:

- The new networking mode might network dedicated schools for the promotion of Gifted Education. Individual focus would have its own theme of school-based provision.
- As only dedicated schools would be networked, and seeing there would be no extra funding to these schools, the number of schools in the new QTN might be greatly reduced.
- The GE section should step up the training for GE teachers, especially in managing and handling gifted students with behavioral problems.
- The GE Section might allocate resources or seek other financial support for the QTN-GE. The participating schools could make use of the funding to hire additional teaching assistants to alleviate the workload of GE teachers in administration and teaching so that teachers could have spare capacity to design appropriate curriculum for gifted students.
- From 2001 onwards, the government had provided funding and launched the support schemes to promote GE. The GE Section could review those projects and collate a school list to find out the exemplary schools in Gifted Education.

The Chairperson concluded that the GE section should take up and further develop the network. It would be better if manpower and financial support could be provided for the participating schools.

5 Any Other Business

The Secretary proposed that if members were still interested in the pursuit of a short study tour in the mainland, e.g. an exchange tour to Shenzhen, this could be organised during Easter holidays.

The Chairperson said that Agenda 6 would be discussed in the next meeting due to the time limit. The Secretary proposed that the next meeting would tentatively be held in late February 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.