

Committee on Learning Resources & Support Services

The first meeting of the CDC Committee on Learning Resources and Support Services was held on 29 October 1999. Mr Yau Yat-heem, Paul was elected Chairman.

In the meeting, the Committee discussed the textbook issue at length. Members shared the following views:

1. Curriculum should not be textbook-driven. It was essential to change the culture of over-reliance on textbooks by providing teacher training and exploring/developing alternative learning resources such as information technology and community resources.
2. There was also a real need for more learner-focused textbooks.
3. The role of ED in monitoring the quality of textbooks should be reviewed, including the pros and cons of maintaining a Recommended Textbook List. It might be desirable to involve other agents such as teachers, academics and market force in monitoring the quality of textbooks.