

Fourth Meeting of the CDC Committee on Science Education (2001-2002)
(19 June 2002)

Gist of Meeting

- The minutes of the Third Meeting were confirmed without amendments.
- The Curriculum Guide for the Science Education KLA (P1-S3) would be distributed to schools in mid July. A seminar would be held on 18 July to publicize the recommendations made in the Guide. The seminar would be repeated in September.
- The S4-5 Biology, Chemistry and Physics Curriculum Guides were distributed to schools in late May. A seminar was organized in collaboration with the HKEA for each subject in early June to introduce the curriculum and to spell out the examination rubrics.
- It was reported that further to the acceptance of the framework of individual modules in the Joint Meeting of S4-5 Science and Technology curriculum, details of the modules were being fine-tuned.
- The Chairman said that good responses were received upon the issue of Curriculum and Assessment Guide for A-Level Biology. He expressed thanks to members of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Revision of A-Level Biology for their devoted work and then announced the dissolution of the Committee.
- The work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Extension Topics in the Science (S1-3) Curriculum was received. The topics identified could serve as reference for schools to develop their school-based curriculum, and they would be tried out. Related learning and teaching resources would be developed. The Chairman then announced the dissolution of the Committee and thanked the members for their contribution.
- The Vice-chairman made a presentation on the proposed new SS curriculum and on the areas of concern in relation to the SS science curriculum. New development of the issues might be conveyed to members during the summer vacation to facilitate further discussion.
- Members considered that the provision of a compiled list of science activities organized by various organizations to schools at the commencement of each academic year could facilitate schools' incorporation of these activities into their school calendars. Such list was considered particularly useful for General Studies teachers.
- The applications for the Seed Projects for 2002-03, entitled "Assessing for Learning in Science Education", "Informed Decision Making in Science Education" and "Enriching Students' Learning Experience in Science through School-based Curriculum Development", were being processed. Members were invited to take part in the projects.
- The CDC delegation to the MIT Science & Engineering Programme for Teachers was requested to report on the duty visit and to comment on whether the teacher training mode could fit the local context.
- The Chairman thanked members for their continued effort and valuable contribution to the Science Education KLA in this academic year. Special thanks went to the outgoing members.
- Date of next meeting – September 2002 (exact date to be confirmed)