Third Meeting of the CDC Committee on Science Education (2002-2003) (16 June 2003)

Gist of Meeting

- The minutes of the Second Meeting was confirmed without amendments.
- Committee members had endorsed the Glossary of Terms commonly used in the Teaching of Biology in Secondary Schools in the circulation in May. The rules of adopting Chinese translations in this revision were explained in the meeting.
- It was reported that there are 4 network schools taking part in the seed project on assessment for learning in science and 2 network schools in the seed project on curriculum try-out for S&T in 2003-2004.
- According to the survey, it was reported that 8 schools would offer S&T in 2003-2004 and 14 schools would offer in 2004-2005. CDI will make appeal to tertiary institutions for recognition of the subject.
- The chairman expressed thanks to members of the Ad Hoc Committees on "Revision of S4-5 Biology / Chemistry / Physics Curriculum"; "Revision of the English Glossary of Terms Commonly Used in Teaching of Biology in Secondary Schools"; and "Development of Science and Technology Curriculum"; and announced the dissolution of these Ad Hoc Committees.
- The progress on the development of Learning Objectives Framework (LOF) commissioned to Department of Science of the Hong Kong Institute of Education was reported. Two focus group meeting would be held in the summer vacation to discuss the LOF strands and exemplars developed by Hong Kong Institute of Education. 10 teachers would be invited to conduct try-outs for the LOF.
- CDC-HKEAA Committees on the revision of sixth-form Chemistry and Physics curricula were set up.
- Mr. P.T. Chan of the Gifted Education Section made a presentation on the development of gifted education in science and ideas on new development. Members discussed the issues related to provision of project rooms and library resources for special subjects in Science Museum, screening and identifying exceptionally gifted students, project work for primary students and the Hong Kong Physics Olympiad. The policy of gifted education was considered in line with the recommendations of science education KLA in the provision of challenging learning programmes for students with strong interest and talent in science.
- Date of next meeting September 2003 (exact date to be decided)