

First Meeting of the CDC Committee on Science Education (2002-2003)
(26 September 2002)

Gist of Meeting

- Mr. Tse Pak-hoi, Isaac was re-elected chairman of CDC Committee on Science Education for the year 2002-03.
- The minutes of the fourth Meeting (2001-2002) were confirmed without amendment.
- The Curriculum Guide for the Science Education KLA (P1-S3) was distributed to schools in September. Repeated seminars were held in July and September to convey the recommendations of the Guide. The Chairman expressed thanks to members of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Development of Curriculum Framework for the Science Education Key Learning Area for their devoted work and announced the dissolution of the Committee.
- Mr. MAK Chiu and Dr Ng T.K. were nominated to be the co-opted members by the Committee for the year 2002-03.
- It was reported that the Seed Project on Assessment for Learning would focus on development of quality criteria, quality test items, alternative assessment and feedback for improvement. The Committee entrusted the Ad Hoc Committee on Assessment for Learning to develop the quality criteria for science education based on schools' try-out experiences. Ms. Grace Lui was appointed to replace Mr. S.K. Leung as the Convenor of the Ad Hoc Committee and members were encouraged to join the Ad Hoc Committee.
- The report from the delegation to MIT Science and Engineering Program for Teachers was received. The experience could serve as reference of running similar teacher training programs in Hong Kong. Members of delegation were asked to include their personal views and personal recommendations as appendices of the report. Comments and recommendations from members were welcome.
- The progress report of Ad Hoc Committee on the Development of Science and Technology Curriculum was received. The development of learning and teaching materials was commissioned to tertiary institutions to facilitate the development of modules. Feedbacks from students on the try-outs in August were positive. The curriculum framework of S4-5 Science and Technology Curriculum was endorsed for consultation in November.
- Date of next meeting – February 2003 (exact date to be confirmed)