

Second Meeting of the CDC Committee on Science Education (2002-2003)
(26 February 2003)

Gist of Meeting

- The minutes of the First Meeting was confirmed without amendments.
- Glossary of Terms commonly used in the Teaching of Biology in Secondary Schools would be ready and circulated to committee members for endorsement in April/May.
- Prof. Alister Jones of the University of Waikato (New Zealand) made a presentation on the development of the learning outcomes framework (LOF) and how it can be put into use in the classroom. Members showed concern about issues related to progressive learning in science, improvement in students' learning, use of LOF in learning, the role of LOF in public examinations, LOF in different levels as well as the use of exemplars reflecting students' learning and thinking.
- The second consultation on the proposed curriculum for S4-5 Science and Technology was reported and major changes to the curriculum were highlighted. After careful consideration of the format, content for learning and teaching, assessment issue, teacher training and implementation issue, the Committee endorsed the proposed Curriculum and Assessment Guide for S4-5 Science and Technology in principle for implementation in schools in September 2003.
- Date of next meeting – 16 or 19 June 2003 (exact date to be confirmed)