

Second Meeting of the CDC Committee on Science Education (2008-2009)
(3 July 2009)

Gist of Meeting

1. The minutes of the first meeting (2008-2009) were confirmed without amendment.
2. Matters arising from the last meeting
 - Members were updated about the progress of textbook review exercise for NSS Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Combined Science, and the progress of development of learning and teaching resources for NSS Integrated Science.
 - The subject convenors of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Integrated Science reported briefly on the professional development programmes for teachers and laboratory technicians held between March and August 2009.
 - The representative of HKEAA reported on the publications of “HKDSE Standards-referenced Reporting Information Packages”, “SBA Handbooks for School Leaders” and “HKDSE Regulations and Assessment Frameworks”.
3. Matters related to latest development of the NSS science curriculum and assessment
 - The subject convenors of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Integrated Science briefly reported on the latest development of each curriculum and the learning and teaching resources.
 - The representative of HKEAA briefed the meeting on the latest information related to HKDSE.
4. Matters related to role of laboratory technicians under New Senior Secondary Academic Structure
 - A tertiary institute would offer a mixed mode degree programme in the 2009/10 school year, and laboratory technicians could join.
 - The meeting remarked that support from the laboratory technicians was important for the provision of quality science education. The Committee would keep in view the progress of review related to the role of laboratory technicians under the New Senior Secondary Academic Structure.
5. Members were briefed about the major science education activities that would take place up to August 2009.
6. The Chairman expressed gratitude to members for their valuable contributions to the development of science education in this term.