

**Second Meeting of the CDC Committee on Science Education (2007-2008)**  
**(25 June 2008)**

**Gist of Meeting**

- The minutes of the first Meeting (2007-2008) were confirmed without amendment.
- Matters arising from the last meeting
  - ◆ The representative from the HKASME, responded that it is possible for experienced teachers to publish book reviews in the publications of the HKASME once the new textbooks for the NSS curricula are available in the market.
  - ◆ Members are briefed about the professional development programmes (PDP) offered in this school year at the Primary level. The planned PD programmes of the coming school year were also introduced.
- Progress of the development of the NSS Science curricula
  - ◆ The Vice-chairman reported on the progress of implementation of the New Senior Secondary Science Curricula and issues related to laboratory technicians.
  - ◆ Convenors of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Integrated Science reported on the progress of professional development programmes and the work of textbook review in their respective subjects.
  - ◆ The representative from the HKEAA reported on the development of the assessment aspects of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education, including the preparation of sample papers and the external modulation of these sample papers, the progress of standards-referenced reporting & school-based assessment and the plans for the professional development programmes for teachers.
- The Chairman and the Secretary reported on the 6<sup>th</sup> Beijing-Hongkong Expert Group Meeting which was held during 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> of March 2008.
- The Secretary briefed members on the major science education activities held and to be held from May 2008 to August 2008. Members were invited to provide relevant information of the current science activities for updating.
- The Chairman thanked members' valuable contribution to the development of science education in this academic year.