

First Meeting of the CDC Committee on Science Education (2007-2008)
(19 November 2007)

Gist of Meeting

- Dr. Mak Chi-keung was elected chairman of CDC Committee on Science Education for 2007-09.
- The minutes of the third Meeting (2006-2007) were confirmed without amendment.
- Progress of work of the Ad Hoc Committees for the Supplement to the Glossary of NSS Biology, Chemistry and Physics curricula were reported. The on-line English-Chinese glossaries of terms commonly used in the teaching of science subjects in secondary schools (<http://cd1.edb.hkedcity.net/cd/science/glossarysci.html>) had already been updated in October. In addition, pdf versions were also uploaded onto the Bureau webpage for easy download by teachers. Textbook publishers were informed about the supplements. The English-Chinese Glossary of Terms Commonly Used in the Teaching of Science (S1-3) in Secondary Schools will then be amended making reference to the supplements to the Glossary of NSS Biology, Chemistry and Physics curricula.
- Mr. YT Lau reported on the progress of implementation of the New Senior Secondary Science Curricula, including professional development programmes, textbooks and issues related to laboratory technicians. Members expressed their concerns about the progress of implementation of the NSS curricula, which included:
 - ◆ the availability of NSS textbooks written in Chinese
 - ◆ the quality of the NSS textbooks submitted for reviewing
- Mr. YT Lau reported on the interim review of the curriculum reform in relation to the Science Education Key Learning Area. Members showed concerns about science education at the primary level, which included:
 - ◆ the provision of professional development programmes on science topics for teachers teaching General Studies in primary schools
 - ◆ how the learning and teaching of scientific thinking could be enhanced at the primary level.
- Mr. YT Lau briefed members on the major science education activities to be held in the coming months. Members are invited to further update the list.
- Date of next meeting – June 2008 (exact date to be confirmed)