First Meeting of the CDC Committee on Science Education (2009-2010) (2 December 2009)

Gist of Meeting

- 1. Dr MAK Chi-keung was elected as Chairperson of CDC Committee on Science Education for 2009-2011.
- 2. The minutes of the second meeting (2008-2009) were confirmed without amendment.
- 3. Matters arising from the last meeting
 - The progress of review on the provision of laboratory technicians (LTs) under the New Senior Secondary (NSS) Academic Structure was reported. It was stressed that support from LTs is crucial for the provision of quality science education. The review would cover the workload and duties of LTs as well as their training needs relating to science education.
 - A survey to solicit views from principals, teachers and LTs of all secondary schools was planned to be conducted in the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years. Besides, views from different stakeholders would be solicited through various channels, such as meetings with LT associations. Curriculum officers would also arrange discussions with LTs during school curriculum development visits in this school year.
 - Views on matters relating to LTs such as the provision of LTs in schools, their workload and training etc, were exchanged among members.
- 4. The support measures provided for schools to facilitate the implementation of NSS Science curricula were reported. The progress of benchmarking of HKDSE Science subjects was briefed.
- 5. The update of terms related to drug was briefed and endorsed by members without amendments.