

CDC Committee on Science Education (2015-2017)
Gist of Second Meeting

Date of meeting: 25 February 2016

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 October 2015 were confirmed without any amendments.
2. The progress of promoting STEM education was reported and discussed. Members were briefed on the feedback to the Symposia and Student Education Fair organised and that from the school survey on the promotion of STEM education. In general, the overall feedback was positive. Views of the stakeholders on the proposed strategies and their major concerns and suggestions, and the forward planning of STEM education were discussed.
3. Two repeated events of Consultation Seminar on Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum: Focusing, Deepening and Sustaining — Science Education KLA were held on 9 & 25 November 2015. Members were briefed about the feedback collected from the school survey on the updating of the Science Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide. Schools generally agreed with the proposed updates.
4. Members were briefed about the feedback on the focus and direction of review of the Science (S1-3) curriculum collected from the Consultation Seminar on Science Education Key Learning Curriculum. The draft curriculum of Science (S1-3) would be available in mid-2016 tentatively and relevant briefing would be held.
5. Members were briefed about the proposed updates of the primary General Studies curriculum, in particular the parts related to Science Education and Technology Education KLAs. Three resource packages on STEM related topics had been developed and disseminated to schools. Four additional packages would be developed.
6. To kick start the promotion of STEM education in primary level, EDB would provide a one-off grant of \$100,000 to each of the government, aided and DSS primary schools, including special schools with a primary section.