

**Gist of Minutes of the Thirty-eighth Meeting of
the CDC Committee on Technology Education (2011-2013)**

Date: 21 Oct 2011 (Friday)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Venue: Rm W404, 4/F., West Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong

- Mr POON Hing-fai was elected as the Chairperson for the term of office from Oct 2011 to August 2013.
- Members were briefed on the implementation of Technology Education (TE) in schools, including (i) the seven learning goals, (ii) the curriculum framework and modes for development of TE at junior secondary level. It was shared that since 2007, about 40 curriculum development visits were conducted annually to understand schools' needs and their concerns in the implementation. On-going professional development programmes were held to support school needs and teacher development with a view to enhance student learning in TE
- It was highlighted that a range of learning and teaching resource materials for TE subjects was available on the EDB CDI website. Besides, a TE Key Learning Area Resource Depository had been developed on the Hong Kong Education City website.
- Members were informed that the General Studies (GS) Curriculum Guide (Primary 1 to 6) incorporated learning elements from Personal, Social and Humanities Education Key Learning Area (KLA), Science KLA and TEKLA, had been updated and issued in 2011.
- Views of Members regarding the implementation and future development of TE were summarised as follows:
 - Learning elements in Moral, Civic and National Education could complement the learning of General Studies and vice versa
 - Authentic learning activities (Technology Learning Activities) could be adopted at junior secondary level to enable students to apply their knowledge in daily life experiences.
 - There would be a lack of pre-service training for TE subjects, in particular for DAT and TL. It was explained that the provision was depending on job demand. With gradual decrease in student population, there was no emerging demand for DAT and TL teachers
 - More learning and teaching examples on how to design and implement TE curriculum with life experience could be provided
 - Review of the Computer Literacy curriculum at junior secondary level
 - More promotion of TE to the general public

- Members were informed that results of the Hong Kong Diploma Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examinations would be announced on 20 July 2012.
- Members were briefed on the progress and implementation of School-based Assessment (SBA) of related TE subjects. Based on the feedback collected from piloting studies, working group, or focus group, some of the tasks or mark submission schedule would be reduced/ revised so as to lessen workload of teachers and students. Schools would be consulted on a SBA streamlining proposal. The arrangement would be confirmed and announced in early 2012. School Members opined that they welcomed the SBA streamlining proposal to lessen the burden on teachers and students.
- Members were informed that Practice Papers for all New Senior Secondary subjects with marking schemes would be provided to all secondary schools in January 2012. Briefing on the marking criteria as well as performance of students of each subject would be organized as training programme in Feb 2012.

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