CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2019-2021) Gist of 1st Meeting

Date of meeting: 27 Nov 2019

- 1. The Secretary briefed members about the terms of reference, roles and functions of the CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology and drew their attention to the aspects in relation to conflict of interest, confidentiality and declaration of interest.
- 2. Dr CHAN Kam-ho Kennedy was elected as the Chairperson of CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2019-2021).
- 3. The minutes of the fifth meeting of the CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2017-2019) held on 30 Aug 2019 were confirmed without any amendment.
- 4. A summary of the proposed changes on the School Based Assessment (SBA) for Biology was briefly introduced. A survey about teachers' views on the proposed changes on SBA was conducted during the SBA Conference held on 26 Oct 2019. The survey findings were reported and discussed. Majority of the respondent teachers showed support to the proposed changes. Members also generally welcomed the proposed changes.
- 5. The support measures, including resources development and professional development programmes, for enhancing the learning, teaching and assessment of Biology were reported and discussed.
- 6. The support measures for promoting STEM education in schools were briefly reported. These included STEM-related Professional Development Programmes like intensive training programmes on STEM education for curriculum leaders and middle managers of schools, funding resources like the QEF and Life Wide Learning grant, as well as some large-scale STEM-related student activities like the smart city project programme.
- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.