CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2019-2021) Gist of 2nd Meeting

Date of meeting: 8 Jul 2020

- 1. The notes of the first meeting of the CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology (2019-2021) held on 27 Nov 2019 were confirmed without any amendment.
- A working group would be formed to review the Biology and the Combined science (Biology part) curricula and to submit the proposed revised Biology and the Combined Science (Biology part) curricula to the CDC-HKEAA Committee on Biology.
- 3. The direction and focus of the coming review of the Biology and the Combined Science (Biology part) curricula were discussed. The planned engagement activities and the tentative working timeline were reported and discussed.
- 4. The background, the scope and the schedule of the review of the List of Furniture and Equipment for Secondary School (F&E List) and particularly the general guidelines on the review of chemical items of the F&E List were briefed. Views collated from members and other stakeholders about the F&E List would be taken into consideration while preparing the final draft of the F&E List.
- 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 recent progress of some support measures for promoting STEM education in schools were briefly reported. These included STEM-related Professional Development Programmes like Intensive Training Programme on STEM Education for curriculum leaders and middle managers of schools and a new round of Intensive Training Programme on STEM Education organised for STEM co-ordinators and frontline teachers, funding resources like the QEF and Life Wide Learning grant and a new STEM centre established under the QEF Thematic Network for supporting the promotion of STEM education in other schools.
- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.