<u>CDC-HKEAA Committee on English Language (2023-2025)</u> <u>Gist of the 2nd Meeting</u>

Date: 16 May 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Mode: Zoom

Gist of the meeting:

- 1. The minutes of the first meeting held on 3 November 2023 were confirmed without any amendments.
- 2. The design of the 2024 HKDSE English Language Examination papers was discussed. It was generally agreed that the papers were well designed and they could cater for the needs of candidates at a wide range of proficiency levels.
- 3. The proposed arrangements for the HKDSE English Language Internet-delivered speaking examination were reported. Another round of pilot studies would be conducted in due course.
- 4. Strategies to promote reading and LaC/RaC in schools were discussed. Activities and resources to promote reading and LaC/RaC were suggested.
- 5. Updates on the Campaign on "Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom 2023/24" were reported. Number of entries and awards of the activities/competitions as well as the learning and teaching resources provided to schools were presented.
- 6. Support measures provided to schools in the 2023/24 school year, including learning and teaching materials on the promotion of national security education, the creative use of English and language skills development, were reported.
- 7. The latest development of English-related Applied Learning courses for the 2025-27 cohort and the quality assurance measures to support the smooth implementation of the courses were reported.