CDC-HKEAA Committee on Literature in English (2019–2021) Gist of the 1st Meeting

Date: 20 November 2019 (Wednesday) Time: 4:30 – 6:10 p.m. Venue: Rm E304, East Block, EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

Gist of the meeting:

- 1. The terms of office (i.e. September 2019-August 2021), roles and functions of the committee were explained to members and their attention was drawn to issues related to confidentiality, publicity and conflict of interest, as well as the composition of the committee and the role of the Chairperson.
- 2. A secret ballot election was conducted. Ms Shirley YAP was elected the Chairperson of the Committee with five votes.
- 3. Candidates' performance in the 2019 HKDSE Examination for Literature in English and the design of the examination papers were discussed. Candidates performance were slightly better than that of 2018 in terms of the percentages of candidates attaining different levels. Issues related to the drop in candidature and the unpopularity of some question items were raised and discussed.
- 4. Major findings and observations from the SBA in the 2019 HKDSE Literature in English Examination were presented. The implementation of the first SBA was found to be smooth.
- 5. An overview of the work of the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum and the initial recommendations were presented.
- 6. Support measures for the implementation of the Literature in English curriculum were presented.