

Meetings on Preparation for "334" with School Leaders (2008/09)

Latest Development of "334"

Curriculum Development Institute
Education Bureau
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Support Measures for Schools

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Funding

- **Teacher Professional Preparation Grant (TPPG)**
 - Until 08/09
- **NSS Curriculum Migration Grant (NSSCMG)**
 - Until 08/09
- **Senior Secondary Curriculum Support Grant (SSCSG)**
 - Enhanced
 - Start one year earlier (from 08/09)
- **Diversity Learning Grant (DLG)**
 - ApL, other languages, other programmes (network programmes, gifted programmes)


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Professional Development

- **For School Leaders:**
 - School Leaders Workshop for Planning '334' (2005/06)
 - Workshops for Planning 334 for Newly Appointed Principals (2008/09)
 - Meetings on Preparation for 334 with School Leaders (2008/09)
- **For Middle Managers:**
 - Middle Managers Workshops for Migration to "334" (2006/07, 2007/08)
- **For Teachers:**
 - Subject based: Curriculum and Assessment (Core and optional parts)

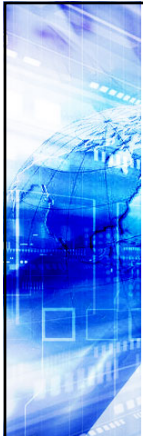
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Professional Development

- **NSS Curriculum Planning and Timetabling**
 - NSS Curriculum Planning and Timetabling Workshops (2007/08)
 - Workshops on Student Option Program (2008/09)
- **OLE & SLP**
 - Workshops and seminars
 - e.g. OLE Clinic (2008/09)
- **HKEAA briefings**
 - for teachers on HKDSE level descriptors, sample papers, etc. (completed in Jan 2009)

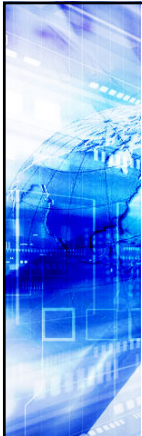
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Learning and Teaching Resources

- Curriculum & Assessment Guides for 24 subjects completed & disseminated to schools (2007)
- Recommended Textbook List (Aug 2008)
- Web-based Support (e.g. LS)
- Applied Learning Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Jan 2009)
- Senior Secondary Curriculum Guide
 - Final provisional draft_web version (Jan 2009)
 - Printed version (May 2009)

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School-based Support

- Continuation of school-based support service:
 - Preparation for the NSS Curriculum
 - University Partnership Project (USP)

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Communication with Stakeholders


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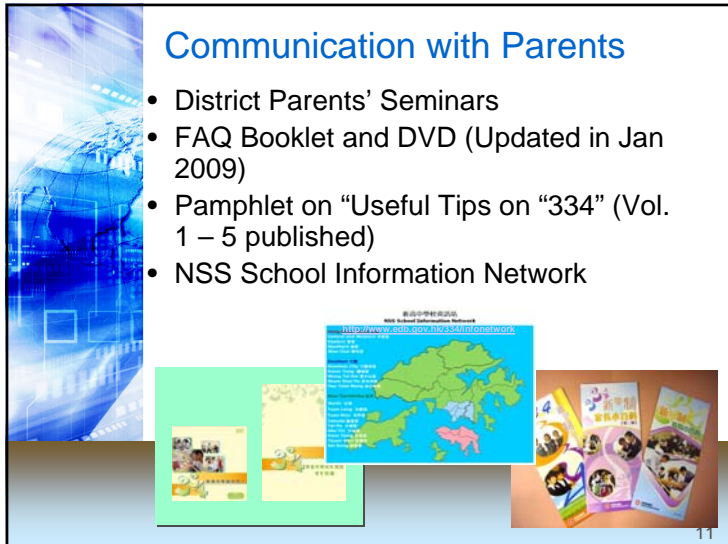
Communication with the Public

- 334 Web bulletin
- Newspaper, Television, Radio, Roving Exhibition, Others (e.g. Road Show, bus advertisement)

<http://www.edb.gov.hk/334>




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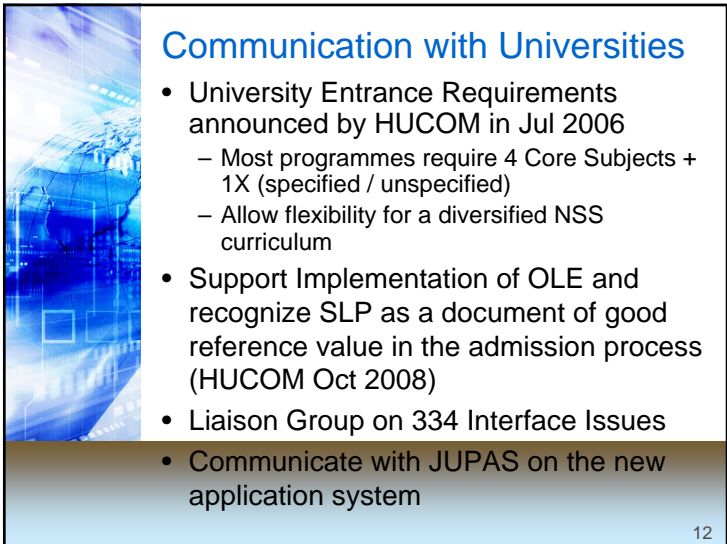


Communication with Parents

- District Parents' Seminars
- FAQ Booklet and DVD (Updated in Jan 2009)
- Pamphlet on "Useful Tips on "334" (Vol. 1 – 5 published)
- NSS School Information Network




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Communication with Universities

- University Entrance Requirements announced by HUCOM in Jul 2006
 - Most programmes require 4 Core Subjects + 1X (specified / unspecified)
 - Allow flexibility for a diversified NSS curriculum
- Support Implementation of OLE and recognize SLP as a document of good reference value in the admission process (HUCOM Oct 2008)
- Liaison Group on 334 Interface Issues
- Communicate with JUPAS on the new application system

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Communication with School Sector

- Principals' Liaison Meetings
- Principals' Seminar (May 2009)
- Thematic seminars for school leaders
- NSS School Information Kit (on 334 Web Bulletin)
- Information Package provided by HKEAA

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Communication with Employers

- Regular meetings with Civil Service Bureau on civil service entrance requirements
 - **announcement of details in 2010**
- Employer seminar series

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Other Development

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International Recognition of HKDSE

- The HKEAA has been working closely with the following to secure international recognition of HKDSE:
 - **the National Recognition Information Centre (NARIC)**
 - **the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)**
- 1st phase of study will be completed by Sept 2009

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Foreign Languages will be offered

- Students can take other languages (French, German, Japanese, Spanish, Hindi and Urdu) as elective subjects and sit for the international examinations on these languages jointly administered by HKEAA and Cambridge International Examinations.
- Students' performance will be reported in their HKDSE certificates
- DLG will be provided to schools offering other languages

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Strategic Implementation of SBA

- SBA weightings reduced in both languages
- Number of SBA marks to be submitted reduced
- 12 subjects with SBA in 2012
- All subjects except Mathematics have SBA in 2014, no timeline for Mathematics
- SBA Handbook in early 2009
- HKDSE Exam Regulation by end 2009
- Review in 2012


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Number of Subjects to be Taken

- Maximum number of subjects taken in HKDSE: 8
 - forbidden subject combination (no overlapping in Science disciplines)
 - “4th X”:
 - VA, Music, PE, Ethics & Religious Studies, ApL, other languages

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Matters Concerning Repeating Studies

- HKEAA will organise one more HKCEE and HKALE in 2011 and 2013 for some subjects (S5 & S7 repeaters may take the examinations as private candidates.)
- There will be no more S6 admission exercise starting from 2011
- Students may study S5 and S6 under NSS or take other pathways such as VTC or other post-secondary courses

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