

Message on the Launch of “3+3+4” Web Bulletin

The Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB) has published the report on *The New Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education – Action Plan for Investing in the Future of Hong Kong* on 18 May 2005 after a 3-month public consultation from October 2004 to January 2005. We have also published the Proposed Core and Elective Subject Frameworks for the New Senior Secondary Curriculum of various subjects in June 2005 to solicit views and feedback from schools and teachers on the initial curriculum and assessment design of individual subjects. A series of seminars have been organized to brief teachers on the details of the proposed frameworks and to collect their views. It is planned that the Curriculum and Assessment Guides of various subjects and the Senior Secondary Curriculum Guide will be published in 2006 to assist schools in planning their own NSS curriculum.

The success of the new academic structure hinges on the concerted effort of the whole community to contribute and share expertise and experiences. There is a need to maintain an ongoing dialogue between EMB and the public to ensure a smooth future progress of “3+3+4”. We have explored different means of communication and interaction strategies to keep stakeholders updated of the implementation progress and to collect their views and suggestions on the development of the curriculum and assessment frameworks. The launch of the “3+3+4” Web Bulletin is one of the channels for sharing views and ideas with stakeholders.

The “3+3+4” Web Bulletin embodies the following features:

- ◆ Regular updating of the latest development of “3+3+4” structure
- ◆ “3+3+4” Views Corner – collection of views and suggestions from the public
- ◆ Information on scheduled activities on “3+3+4” (e.g. seminars, workshops or briefing sessions for principals, teachers and parents).
- ◆ Frequently Asked Questions on “3+3+4” (e.g. general questions and subject-specific questions)
- ◆ Publications and Information on “3+3+4” (e.g. report, pamphlets)
- ◆ Related articles on “3+3+4” (e.g. Liberal Studies)
- ◆ Other useful websites

You are most welcome to send in your views and suggestions to the “3+3+4” Views Corner. Highlights on views collected will be uploaded regularly to the Corner for your information. We hope that this Web Bulletin can serve as a platform for effective ongoing communication between you and EMB. Let’s work together for a better future for our younger generation!