Preamble

The Curriculum Development Council (CDC)-Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) Committees (Senior Secondary) are set up jointly by the CDC and HKEAA Councils to develop the Curriculum and Assessment Guides (C&A Guides) for various subjects for the new 3-year senior secondary academic system in Hong Kong, in response to the report *Review of the Academic Structure of Senior Secondary Education* (Education Commission, 2003). The development of the C&A Guides will be based on the goals of senior secondary education, guiding principles of curriculum design and assessment reform set out in the Main Document titled *Reforming the Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education - Actions for Investing in the Future* (Education and Manpower Bureau, 2004).

An interactive, multiple-stage consultation will be adopted to develop the Guides. For this first stage of the consultation, the *Proposed Core and Elective Subject Frameworks for the New Senior Secondary Curriculum* (1st Draft of the C&A Guides) outline the rationales, curriculum aims, initial curriculum frameworks and assessment for comments and suggestions. The draft will then be revised, taking into consideration comments and suggestions, and also the latest developments of the new senior secondary curriculum. The revised draft will be presented in the subsequent stages of consultation for further comments.

Please read the 1st Draft of the C&A Guides together with the Main Document. Comments and suggestions are welcome and can be directed to the following as appropriate:

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