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From: Secretary for Education To: Supervisors and Heads of secondary

schools

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# Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum: Updating of the Secondary Education Curriculum Guide

#### **Summary**

This circular memorandum informs secondary schools of the latest developments of the ongoing renewal of the school curriculum, in particular the updating of the *Secondary Education Curriculum Guide* (SECG), and invites schools to participate in related briefing sessions in January 2017.

#### **Details**

- 2. In response to the changing local, regional and global contexts and to maintain Hong Kong's competitiveness, the school curriculum is being renewed to sustain and deepen its accomplishments achieved so far and to identify new emphases to focus on for the next five to ten years. The ongoing renewal of the school curriculum continues to adopt and support a student-centred curriculum based on the guiding principles for the Learning to Learn curriculum reform since 2001, and aims at promoting whole-person development and lifelong learning among students.
- 3. Subsequent to the issuance of the *Basic Education Curriculum Guide* (*Primary 1-6*) in 2014, updating of the SECG is necessary to incorporate timely curricular updates and to facilitate secondary schools' planning and implementation of a **six-year whole-school curriculum**. To inform various stakeholders of the progress and latest developments in the ongoing renewal of the school curriculum including the promotion of STEM education, feedback collection as well as updating of the SECG and curriculum guides of the eight Key Learning Areas (KLAs), a designated website (www.edb.gov.hk/renewal) has been launched since late 2015.
- 4. The Curriculum Development Council (CDC) has made its final recommendations on the updated SECG in the CDC meeting on 23rd November 2016.

5. Secondary school principals, vice principals, prefects of studies/academic masters/mistresses and curriculum co-ordinators are invited to enrol for the briefing sessions on the SECG. Three places have been reserved for each secondary school. The details are as follows:

Briefing Sessions on the SECG (Training Calendar System Course Code: CDI020161474):

Event	Date	Time	Venue
AA	16 Jan 2017 (Mon)	3:00 – 5:00pm	Leighton Hill Community Hall Address: 133 Wong Nai Chung Road, Happy Valley, HK
AB	19 Jan 2017 (Thu)		SKH Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School Address: 397 Kwai Shing Circuit, Kwai Chung, NT
AC	25 Jan 2017 (Wed)		EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre Address: Lecture Theatre, 4/F, West Block, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon

### **Enquiries**

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