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To: Heads of Government, Aided, Caput and
Direct Subsidy Scheme Secondary Schools

Dear Principal,

Medium of Instruction for Secondary Schools
Sharing Session on
Optimising Students' Exposure to English through Non-language Subjects

This circular letter is to invite heads and teachers of secondary schools to participate in the sharing session scheduled for **10 December 2011 (Saturday)** on supporting the implementation of the fine-tuning of the medium of instruction (MOI) arrangements for secondary schools.

Arrangements of the sharing session

This sharing session is composed of two parts. In the first part, we have invited Dr Arthur McNeill, Director of the Language Centre, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, to give a keynote speech on *Optimising students' exposure to English through non-language subjects*. The second part is a school-sharing session in which two schools will share their experience in enhancing students' exposure to English through non-language subjects including Mathematics and Humanities Education.

The programme of the event is set out in the **Annex**, with the logistic arrangements as follows:

Date: 10 December 2011 (Saturday)

Time: 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre, West Block

EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre

19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon

(via Exit E at Kowloon Tong MTR Station)

Enrolment

As the sharing session is on the collaborative strategies between English language and non-language subject teachers to increase students' exposure to English through non-language subjects, **both English language and non-language subject teachers would benefit from it. Schools should encourage both types of teachers to join.** Heads of schools and teachers who are interested please enrol through the Training Calendar System (TCS) of the Education Bureau (EDB) (<http://tcs.edb.gov.hk> with Course Code: ECP020110082) **between 22 November 2011 (Tuesday) and 8 December 2011 (Thursday).** All applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Results will be sent to individual applicants through the TCS. Similar to the practice adopted in the previous MOI sharing events, teachers who have attended this session will be counted towards the completion of three hours of the 15 hours of EMI-related continuous professional development activities every three years as stipulated in paragraph 3.35(d) of the Education Commission's *Report on Review of Medium of Instruction for Secondary Schools and Secondary School Places Allocation* issued in December 2005.

In the event of a public announcement by the EDB that all schools are to be closed as a result of adverse weather conditions (e.g. tropical cyclone or rainstorm), the sharing session will be postponed until further notice.

Enquiries

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for Secretary for Education

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Medium: Mainly English

Programme:

9:00 am - 9:15 am	Registration
9:15 am - 9:30 am	Opening remarks
9:30 am - 10:20 am	Keynote speech - <i>Optimising Students' Exposure to English through Non-language Subjects</i> Dr Arthur McNeill Director of the Language Centre Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
10:20 am - 10:35 am	Break
10:35 am - 11:25 am	Sharing session (1) – St Teresa Secondary School <i>The Positive Effects of Inter-departmental Collaboration on the Teaching and Learning of Non-language Subjects in the English Medium, with Mathematics as an Example</i>
11:25 am - 12:15 pm	Sharing session (2) – Shatin Pui Ying College <i>Enhancing Students' English Proficiency through Cross-curricular Collaboration between the English Language and Humanities Education Subjects</i>