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**Panel on Education**

**Subcommittee to Study the Development of Textbooks and Teaching  
Materials for Kindergartens, Primary and Secondary Schools**

**Minutes of the sixth meeting  
held on Tuesday, 12 January 2021, at 4:30 pm  
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP  
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP  
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP  
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP  
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP  
Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP  
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP  
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH  
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

**Member attending** : Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

**Public Officers attending** : Agenda item I

Dr CHOI Yuk-lin, JP  
Under Secretary for Education

Ms Cynthia CHAN  
Principal Education Officer (Special Services)  
Education Bureau

**Clerk in attendance** : Ms Angel WONG  
Chief Council Secretary (4)4

**Staff in attendance** : Miss Wincy LO  
Senior Council Secretary (4)4

Ms Rachel WONG  
Council Secretary (4)4

Ms Sandy HAU  
Legislative Assistant (4)4

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**I. Management, quality monitoring and complaints mechanism for school-based teaching materials**

(LC Paper No. CB(4)340/20-21(01) -- Paper provided by the Administration)

Members agreed that the Subcommittee would discuss issues set out in the list of major subjects to be studied [LC Paper No. CB(4)370/20-21(01)] in future meetings.

2. The Chairman proposed and members agreed that "Review, complaints and evaluation mechanisms for textbooks" and "Development of textbooks and the question-setting mechanism of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination" (i.e. items (f) to (j) on the list of major subjects to be studied) would be discussed at the next meeting.

3. The Chairman further informed members that the Research Office of the Legislative Council Secretariat had been requested to prepare a fact sheet on the textbook review mechanism and oversight of supplementary teaching materials in overseas places. The fact sheet would study California of the United States and Japan, in view of their established procedures to review the content of textbooks as well as clear guidelines to ensure that supplementary teaching materials are appropriate and aligned with the school curriculum.

Discussion

4. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

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**II. Any other business**

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:28 pm.

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<i>Agenda Item 1 – Management, quality monitoring and complaints mechanism for school-based teaching materials</i>			
000351-000712	Chairman Mr KWOK Wai-keung	Opening remarks  Discussion items for next meeting  Fact sheet on the textbook review mechanism and oversight of supplementary teaching materials in overseas places	
000713-001102	Administration	Administration's briefing on the regulation of the management, quality monitoring and complaints mechanism for school-based teaching materials	
001103-002015	Chairman Mr KWOK Wai-keung Administration	Inadequacies of the existing mechanism for handling complaints against inappropriate teaching materials  Publication of a children's picture book with inappropriate contents by a professional organization and whether the Education Bureau ("EDB") could monitor this kind of books	
002016-002512	Chairman Mr Holden CHOW Administration	Penalty to be imposed on teachers for using the aforesaid children's picture book as teaching materials  Suggestion of devising a new mechanism for handling complaints against inappropriate teaching materials, under which the identity of complainants was kept confidential	
002513-003118	Chairman Mrs Regina IP Administration	Number of complaint cases on inappropriate teaching materials received by EDB since 2019 and follow-up actions taken by EDB  Inadequacies of the existing mechanism for developing and monitoring school-based teaching materials  Suggestion of introducing prescribed reading materials for students	

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003119-003843	Chairman Dr CHENG Chung-tai Administration	School-based management policy and teacher suicides	
003844-004523	Chairman Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Administration	Suggestions of reviewing the existing mechanism for developing school-based teaching materials, strengthening monitoring of school-based teaching materials and imposing heavier penalty on misconducted teachers	
004524-005116	Chairman The Administration	Suggestions of devising a new complaint handling mechanism for inappropriate school-based teaching materials and setting up a centralized database to collect all school-based teaching materials	
005117-005753	Chairman Mr KWOK Wai-keung Administration	Inadequacies of the existing mechanism for handling complaints about inappropriate teaching materials	
005754-010421	Chairman Mr Holden CHOW Administration	Suggestions of reviewing the school-based management of teaching materials and handling of complaints for inappropriate teaching materials  The need for EDB to strengthen and to provide official teaching materials for Constitution and Basic Law education and national security education	
010422-011241	Chairman Administration	Enhancement of the management and quality monitoring of school-based teaching materials through EDB's provision of official teaching materials and clear guidelines on the development of school-based teaching materials	
011242-011855	Chairman Mr Holden CHOW Administration	Suggestions of reviewing the existing school-based management policy and strengthening quality monitoring of school-based teaching materials through conducting more surprise inspections	
011856-012148	Chairman Administration	Procedures of handling complaints against professional misconduct of teachers and whether teachers being complained had the opportunity to make representations during the investigation	
012149-015201	Chairman Ms Elizabeth QUAT Administration	Suggestions of making public the details of substantiated complaint cases involving professional misconduct of teachers and strengthening management of school-based	

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		teaching materials by providing relevant teacher training and guidelines on the selection of appropriate teaching materials	
015202-020119	Chairman Mr Holden CHOW Administration	EDB's follow-up to complaints related to inappropriate school-based teaching materials and whether EDB would follow up cases involving teachers expressing biased political views on social media	
<i>Agenda Item II – Any other business</i>			
020120-020132	Chairman	Closing remarks	

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