

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE

Digest of meeting held on 14 May 2010

Members Present

Chair : Mr Michael Lai

Members : Dr. Anissa Chan
Professor Ho Kin-chung
Professor Bernard Lim
Ms Lo Wai-lun
Mr Sin Chung-kai
Mr Tai Hay-lap

Apologies Mr Patrick Ho
Mr Benjamin Hung
Mrs Miranda Leung
Professor Wong Siu-lun

In attendance : Miss Alice Liu, Senior Town Planner, Sustainable Development (SD)
Ms Paulina Pun, Town Planner (SD)
Miss Isabel Tam, Senior Executive Officer (SD)
Mr Stanley Hau, Executive Assistant (SD)¹

Secretary : Ms Jennifer Chan, Principal Assistant Secretary (SD)

Item 1 – Confirmation of minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed by Members at the meeting. Members noted that no digest would be posted on the Sustainable Development Division website in view of the sensitivity of the contents of the last meeting which mainly focused on the seventh round applications of the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF).

Item 2 – Matters Arising

Members noted the matters arising regarding the SDF applications would be discussed under Agenda Item 3.

Item 3 – “Sustainable Development Fund – Progress of Applications Recommended for Approval/Further Consideration in the Seventh Round of Applications” (Paper No. 02/10)

(Not available for public viewing)

Item 4 – “Media Promotion of Sustainable Development – Options and Recommendations” (Paper No. 03/10)

(Not available for public viewing)

Item 5 – “Update on Education and Publicity Programme and Initiatives” (Paper No. 04/10)

Members raised concern on how the topic of SD had been incorporated under the curriculum of Liberal Studies and how effective it was in SD education. Members opined that categorising SD under the “environment sector” of Liberal Studies was an over-simplification of the concept of SD. It would be more appropriate and effective if it was part of life-long learning. SD should be widely applicable in many subjects and more educational materials should be provided to the schools in facilitating the teaching of SD. Members agreed to invite the Education Bureau for an updating of the curriculum and SD education for the EPSC. The Secretariat would proceed with the liaison and arrangements.

Members also noted the progress of other education and publicity programme and initiatives.

Item 6 – Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Item 7 – Date of Next Meeting

The Secretariat would advise Members of the exact date of the next meeting in due course.

Council Secretariat
July 2010