

SED on school curriculum review

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, at a media session after officiating at a forum organised by the Shine Tak Foundation in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the promulgation of the Basic Law today (June 26):

Reporter: I wish to ask, for the LS (Liberal Studies) curriculum, will there be a big change? Because we don't know the exact change. Will it be big and will it mostly focus on the political side or will it be more? And which module will have the biggest change?

Secretary for Education: At this stage, the Task Force on Review of School Curriculum has not yet submitted the report. So at this stage I do not know exactly what their recommendations will be. But from their interim report, which they released last year for public consultation, they do have a number of recommended actions that aim to release the learning hours of students for whole-person development and for other subjects as well. So I think that could be one of their recommendations that they are going to submit later this year. On individual subjects, so far I am not aware that they have actually put up any recommendations that touch on individual subjects which specify which areas should be taught or not. But that should be the work of the Curriculum Development Council, and I think as a regular practice, we are constantly reviewing our curriculum as and when necessary.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)