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This Curriculum and Assessment Guide is one of the series jointly prepared by the Hong Kong Curriculum Development Council (CDC) and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA). It forms the basis for learning and teaching of the subject curriculum as well as for setting public assessment. The issue of this single document on curriculum and assessment aims at conveying a clear message to the public that assessment is an integral part of the school curriculum and at promoting the culture of "assessment for learning" to improve learning and teaching.

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The CDC and HKEAA will keep the subject curriculum under constant review and evaluation in the light of classroom experiences, students' performance in the public assessment, and the changing needs of society and students. All comments and suggestions on this Curriculum and Assessment Guide should be sent to:

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