

**EMB Funds the HKGA Proposal on “Conducting Spatial Enquiry in the New Senior Secondary Geography Curriculum”**

The Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has recently announced its funding of the proposal of the Hong Kong Geographical Association (HKGA) on “Conducting Spatial Enquiry in the New Senior Secondary Geography Curriculum” under the “Partnership Scheme with Subject-related Organizations”. The funding exercise was highly competitive and the winning proposal of HKGA was developed by the Principal Investigator, Dr. Becky P.Y. Loo, Chairperson of the HKGA.

The funded project integrates the use of information technology (IT), particularly geographic information systems (GIS), with the New Senior Secondary (NSS) Geography curriculum. Special emphases are put data/skill-based techniques in conducting fieldwork and spatial enquiry. Examples related to transport and urban development will be included. The outputs, consisting of a CD-ROM and a tutorial guide, aim to facilitate the implementation of issue-based spatial enquiry and the completion of school-based assessment (SBA) in the NSS Geography curriculum. Members will be invited to participate in the trial runs and to provide feedback to the project team. The two-year project is expected to commence in March 2007. For comments and/or suggestions, please write to the Principal Investigator, Dr. Becky P.Y. Loo, at [bpyloo@hkucc.hku.hk](mailto:bpyloo@hkucc.hku.hk).