What is life-wide learning (LWL)?

- It is a strategy that aims to move student learning beyond the classroom into other learning contexts (real and authentic settings).
- It requires teachers making good use of resources and settings available at their schools and in the communities.
- Such experiential learning enables students to achieve certain learning goals that are more difficult to attain through classroom learning alone.
- Life-wide Learning helps students to achieve the aims of whole-person development and enables them to develop the life-long learning capabilities that are needed in our ever-changing society.
Government-subsidized Schools

- In 2009-10 school year, there are 348 subsidized secondary schools, representing 70% of all about 500 secondary schools of various types (including government schools, grant schools, direct subsidy and private schools, etc.) in the territory.
- Over 16,000 teachers and 330,000 students are currently working and studying in government-subsidized schools.
Government-subsidized Schools

- About 260 out of 348 are CMI schools
- Class size: 24 to 29
- Teaching staff establishment: 50-60
- Para-professional staff: 3-5
- Operating Grants: $5m - $6m

LWL Approach

- KLA/subject-based & teacher-directed LWL activities
- Core LWL activities must be for all students
- All core LWL activities are funded by the school
Challenge #1: Managing human, time and material resources

• Organizing LWL activities becomes one of the school's core business.
• Increasing expenses on co-curricular activities:
  2005-2006 - $ 526,280 (before 334/NSS)
  2008-2009 - $ 899,750
  2009-2010 - $ 867,060
  2011-2012 - $1,125,730
• Time – using timetabled lessons for in-house and outing activities

Challenge #2: Working together across professional boundaries

Challenge #3: Aligning the co-curricular activities with the academic curriculum

Challenge #4: Ensuring quality of activities

Challenge #5: Developing an effective evaluation model
Possible Trends

• Class reduction means less resources → less life-wide learning activities.
• ‘LWL for All’ vs ‘LWL for Some’.
• Shifting from ‘Teacher-directed LWL’ to ‘Class-based/Student-directed LWL’.

Thank You!