

Education Commission Retreat



Education Reform – Strategies and Priorities

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The Challenges of Education Reform



- No quick fix
 - Conflicting values and priorities
 - Moral undertaking
 - Political interference
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Core Values and Beliefs



1. Every child has a capacity to learn – set high expectations
2. Accept responsibility for students' learning – focus on learning outcome
3. Lifelong learning and continuing improvement – aim for excellence

Principles and Practice



(1) Focus on students

- Increase learning opportunities
- Provide choice to suit individual interests and aptitude
- Safeguard student interests amidst other considerations

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(2) Emphasize professionalism

- Build professional capacity at all levels
- Establish robust evidence base for school improvement
- Create professional learning communities

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(3) Aim for sustainable development

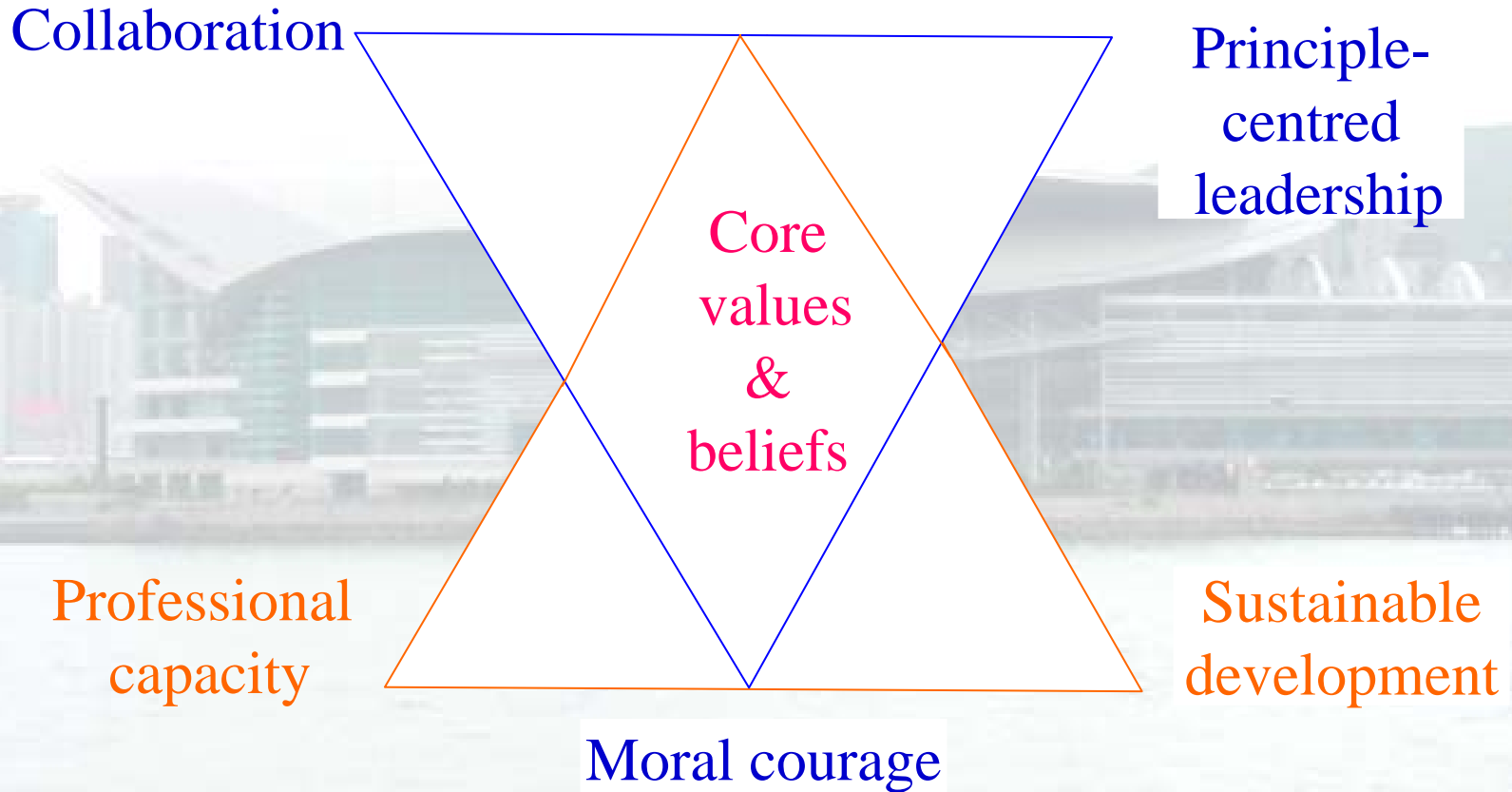
- Empower teachers and principals
- Involve key stakeholders in school-based management
- Balance support and pressure

Strategic Priorities

- (1) Align core values and priorities among educational leaders
- (2) Agree on a framework for shared responsibility
 - EMB and SARG
 - Advisory committees
 - Schools, parents, students
 - Community – LegCo, media, businesses etc
- (3) Strengthen collaboration and coordination

Principle-centred Leadership

Students





“The challenge is to be a light,
not a judge; to be a model, not
a critic.”

- Stephen Covey
in *Principle-centred Leadership*

