

# EDUCATION SYSTEM IN SRI LANKA



Educational Reform for Tomorrow

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# SRI LANKA

- Land Area 65,610 Km<sup>2</sup>
- Population 19.7 Million
- Life Expectancy 72
- Adult Literacy 92.5
- I. M. R. 12 per 1000
- Per Capita Income us\$1365
- Ethnic Composition

Sinhala	: 74.1%
Sri Lankan Tamil	: 12.5%
Muslim	: 7.1%
Tamils of recent Indian origin	: 5.3%
Other	: 1%



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## Vision

To reach excellence in global society through competent citizens who share the Sri Lankan Identity.

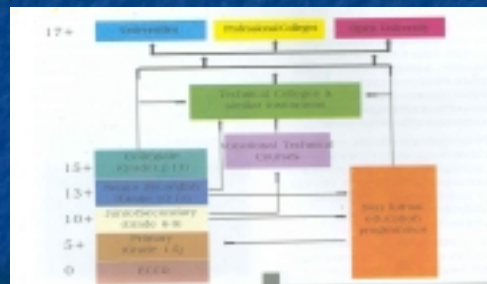
## Mission

Develop competent citizens keeping with the global trends through innovative and modern approaches to education leading to efficiency, equity and high quality in performance ensuring stakeholder satisfaction.

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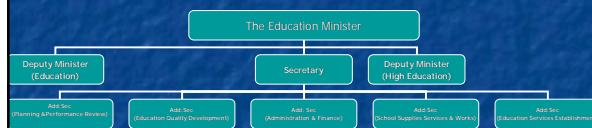
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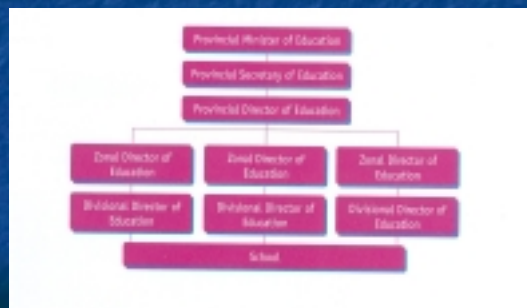
# The Administrative Structure of Education



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# The Provincial Organizational Structure



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## Schools By Type

Type of School	Number of Schools
Schools with classes up to (GCE(A/L) (Science, Commerce & Arts Stream) [1AB Schools]	621
Schools with classes Up to (GCE (A/L) Arts & Commerce [1C Schools]	1774
Schools with classes Up to GCE (O/L)]	4274
Primary schools (Grades 1-5)	3096
Total	9765

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## Distribution of schools,students & teachers

Province	Schools	Students	Teachers
Western	1,374	856,214	37,678
Central	1,471	514,062	27,010
Southern	1,121	510,211	26,047
Northern	887	257,287	10,746
Eastern	961	364,054	15,114
North Western	1,229	459,692	24,656
North Central	780	255,895	12,353
Uva	828	284,466	14,828
Sabaragamuwa	1,114	368,747	18,905
Total	9,765	3,870,628	187,337

Teacher- Pupil Ratio : 1:20

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## Student Welfare

- Free Education from Primary level to university
- Free text books from Grade 1 to Grade 11.
- Free school uniforms
- Subsidized transport
- Bursaries for bright deserving students from Grade 5 up to University.
- Mid day meal for Primary Students in identified schools.
- Free medical inspections in schools, provision of dental care and free spectacles to needy children.

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## TEACHER EDUCATION

- Training for Teachers
  - 17 National Colleges of Education
  - 9 Teachers' Colleges for Teachers Training
  - 100 Teachers' Centres for Continuing Teacher Education
  - 4 Faculties of Education in Universities

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## Achievements

- Enrollment – Grade I 98%
- Primary Completion 96%
- Completion of Basic Stage Education – Grade 9 83%
- Literacy 92.5%

Presently there are no gender difference in education.

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## Future Programme

- The Ministry of Education has prepared a sector wide development programme for the period 2006-2010 called the Education Sector Development Framework & Programme ( ESDFP ).

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## The Education Sector Development Programme 2006-2010 (ESDFP)

- Promoting equitable access to basic & secondary education
  - Ensure universal participation in basic education – Grade 1 to 9
  - Provide full curriculum in schools in all disadvantaged areas
  - Strengthen non formal education for out of school youth
  - Facilities for children with special education needs

## Improving the quality of Education

- Curricular Reforms – Child centered activity based relevant curricula
- Improve Validity & Reliability of Examinations
- School Based Assessment (SBA)
- Teacher Development
- Better Text Books
- Promote Value Education-Democratic Ideals , pluralism, social cohesion
- Use of ICT in Education

## Provision of Resources

- A norm based unit cost formulae for grants to schools
- Provision of science laboratories, libraries, ICT laboratories, workshops

## Management Development

- Development of Human Resources
- Strengthening the MOE & the Provincial Administration
- Improvement of School Management
- Improve Community Relations

## Universities In Sri Lanka

Total No. of Universities -16  
Total No. of Students - 99,462

1. University of Colombo
2. University of Peradeniya
3. University of Sri Jayewardenapura
4. University of Kelaniya
5. University of Moratuwa
6. University of Jaffna
7. University of Ruhuna
8. Eastern University, Sri Lanka
9. Rajarata University, Sri Lanka
10. Sabaragamuwa University, Sri Lanka
11. South Eastern University, Sri Lanka
12. Wayaba University, Sri Lanka
13. Open University, Sri Lanka
14. University of Visual & the Performing Arts
15. Uva Wellasa University,SriLanka
16. Buddhist & Palli University,Sri Lanka



## Future Needs For General Education

### Assistance for Implementation :

### Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Education For All (EFA) goals

- Non formal & Special education
  - Incentives for disadvantaged children
  - Residential facilities for street Children
  - Centres for children with special education needs
- Improvement of English Teaching
  - Establishment of a Centre of Excellence for English
    - Buildings for Library and ICT Resource Centres
    - Consultants in Curricular Development & Training

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### ■ Improvement of English language teaching & learning

- Establishing a center of excellence for English at Peradeniya
  - Assistance needed for a computer labs & libraries, Consultants for curricular development & English language training

### ■ Development of Information Communication Technology

- With World Bank & ADB assistance computer laboratories have been provided to 1500 senior secondary schools
- We need such facilities for another 1000 senior secondary schools & 3500 junior secondary schools & 3500 primary schools

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### ■ Rebuilding of education in conflict affected areas

- The total cost has been estimated at us\$100 million
- Since the peace process, 50% of the schools have been reconstructed; assistance required for the balance
- School Twinning arrangement
  - Can we get some Australian schools to adopt Sri Lankan schools

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## Thank You !

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