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Dedication

This book is dedicated
to my loving Father,
Mother, and Sister
whose kind support has
always encouraged my
writing.

Preface

Literary development is a yardstick to measure the development of a country. The Kotte and Dambadeniya eras stand out in the history of the world because they were literary enlightening periods. If so, this is the golden period in the history of the *Mahamaya* as well. This is the reason why our daughters have been enchanting through book writing for many years now. It is a special event that our writers have succeeded in building a culture of writing books in the school and spreading it to the entire school system and this time involving the global student community in it.

Beyond this, this time the school community itself has also decided to rebuild the past *Yatiwara* writing tradition in the country in order to pay tribute to the founder of our school, **Karadana Atthadassi Thero**.

The *Pirivena* student monks have also taken up book writing "***The Herana Gatkarani***" project was introduced.

It is a matter of pride for me as the principal to lead the way in bringing about a qualitative change in the education of schools and *Pirivena* education through this academic and religious service, and it is also an achievement for the school.

This book, which is the result of recognizing one's innate talent at an early stage in life and turning to writing, will undoubtedly be a help for future education and future life.

Shashikala Senadheera,

Principal, Mahamaya Girls' Collage, Kandy.

Friendship

Once a rabbit was sitting under an enormous mushroom, reading her book.

Suddenly, she heard a little crack. At first, she paid a little attention, but then she started listening more cracks.



Curiously, she looked around.
She saw the enormous
mushroom falling slowly.

On the other side of the mushroom, a little bunny was busy plucking a carrot. But the little bunny didn't notice that the mushroom was falling right onto her.

The rabbit's eyes widened in alarm when the rabbit saw the mushroom falling straight onto the bunny.

So, she sprang into action, hugging the mushroom tightly

and wrapping her arms to stop
it fall.

But the mushroom was too
heavy for her to hold.



Suddenly, the bunny saw what was happening and ran and hugged the mushroom.

Then the mushroom slowly settled down in the soil.



The bunny thanked the rabbit and gave the rabbit her carrot.



Then the rabbit snapped the carrot in half and gave one piece to the bunny.



They enjoyed their snack together.



As soon as they finished eating the carrot, the bunny ran over and hugged the rabbit tightly.

"Thank you for saving my life!" the bunny said.



The rabbit was surprised at first but soon hugged her back with a warm smile.

From that moment on, they became very best friends forever and always helped each other sharing an

unbreakable bond of
friendship between them.



The end.

Afterword

According to my concept, under the project that has been running since 2014 to direct school children to writing, we have been fortunate to have planted more than sixty thousand writer seedlings in the local literary field. The objectives of this project are to improve the quality of education, to promote literature that will contribute to the future development of the country, to hone the abilities of the future generation, and to build a platform to showcase the creations of children.

It is our social responsibility to create fertile soil for those seeds to sprout and grow. This is the only project in recent history that has been implemented continuously for several years at the school level, provincial, national, and international levels for the sake of the productivity of education. This time, it is special that the *Pirivena* student monks have also been involved in this. The nation should be grateful for the dedication shown by the principal, daughters, teachers, parents, and alumni of *Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya*.

The printed book is still the main tool of our education. The enjoyment that a child gets from a book cannot be provided by anything else.

It is experimentally proven that the use of various electronic devices to store human knowledge and the distancing of children from books has been detrimental to the quality of education and has created various problems in society. This project, which is being implemented as a solution to this, has been adapting the smart younger generation of the digital age to modern technology by writing electronic works for the past two years, together with school children in the country.

To take their creations to international readers, Mahamaya girls have built a digital fiction for their own, literary creative abilities.

My congratulations to the young writers who have entered it through their creative abilities.

Project Founder and Coordinator,

Senevirathne Maha Lekam



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