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Dedication

**"To my family, who always listen to my
stories."**

And

**"For everyone who loves a good
adventure!"**

Preface



Foreword

In an increasingly complex global future, the "Hemamala Upahara" book project, led by Mahamaya Girls' College, stands as a turning point in girls' education. Over a decade, it has successfully nurtured thousands of children to become young authors.

This year, by collaborating with other schools, we aimed to provide students with a wealth of new experiences. The goal was to develop multi-faceted skills, including communication, values, and creative growth. As a result, children have written books that pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic—the supreme symbol of the Buddhist world—to the Hill Country (Kandy).

I extend my gratitude to everyone involved, including the students who contributed their creativity and the teachers who guided them.

Shashikala Senadhira

Principal

Mahamaya Girls' College

Congratulatory Message

It is a great honor for me, as the Governor of the Central Province, to send a congratulatory message for the launch of the books created through the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project initiated by Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy.

Education is the fundamental foundation for the progress of society, and it is further strengthened through books and literary creations. It is clearly commendable that students' talents, creativity, and intellectual abilities are emerging through projects such as this.

I believe that this book creation project will provide valuable knowledge and a precious literary contribution not only to the students but to the entire society. Furthermore, I hope that through such efforts, future writers who will bring pride to Sri Lanka will emerge.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation and blessings to the Principal, the academic staff, the students, and everyone involved who dedicated themselves to this successful endeavor. I wish this project and the book launch ceremony great success.

Sarath B.S. Abeykoon

Governor, Central Province

Emeritus Professor, University of Peradeniya

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Congratulatory Message

I highly appreciate the noble and outstanding effort of the Principal and the academic staff of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, the student daughters, the students of other participating schools, and everyone who dedicated themselves to plan and implement this book publication project. The project was organized under the leadership of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, with the participation of other schools in the Kandy Zone, with the aim of encouraging children toward book creation within the current school system, as a tribute to Hemamala Kumariya who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic to Sri Lanka.

For several decades, Sri Lanka has been committed to providing free, compulsory, quality, and equitable education to all children, thereby producing a future generation of intelligent and skilled citizens. In such a context, this book creation program for school children helps develop creative ability, critical thinking, and other positive qualities for a balanced and well-rounded personality, and contributes to building a future knowledge-based society.

May all activities of the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project be successful through the blessings of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Pradeep Nilanga Dela

Diyawadana Nilame,

Sri Dalada Maligawa.

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Once upon a time, in a cozy
corner of a magical forest,

**lived a little orange kitten
named Mali.**

**Mali loved to nap, as seen in
where she is shown resting
peacefully in her beautiful
world.**

**One clear, starry night, Mali
woke up feeling
adventurous.**

She decided to go for a walk
to see what the forest was
like after dark.



As she padded
softly along the
path, she saw
something
flickering in the
air. It was a group of bright,
dancing fireflies!

Mali giggled as they zipped around her, lighting up the dark shadows with their soft, golden glow.

Suddenly, Mali heard a faint, shaky sound. "Sniff... sniff..."

She followed the sound behind a large tree and

**found a tiny baby rabbit
sitting all alone.**



**The baby rabbit looked very
scared and upset because
he had lost his mother.**

Seeing his tears, the kind-hearted Mali walked over and nudged him gently.

"Don't worry," she purred softly, helping the baby rabbit to stay calm.

Just then, a wise old owl landed on a nearby branch.

He had been watching from above.



"Hoot, hoot,"
the owl called
out. "Little
rabbit, your
mother is

waiting for you by the
sparkling meadow just past
the tall grass."



But the night was
very dark, and the
path looked
difficult to see. Mali
knew what to do.

She chirped to her new
friends, the fireflies, and
they immediately flew over
to surround the baby rabbit.

Like tiny, glowing lanterns,
the fireflies lit up the entire
trail ahead, showing the way
clearly.

With the fireflies guiding
them, Mali and the baby
rabbit walked happily
through the woods. Soon,
they reached the meadow.

There, waiting anxiously,
was the baby rabbit's
mother! When the baby
rabbit saw her, he hopped
happily into her arms.

Mali watched as they
reunited, feeling her heart
grow warm. As she turned
to head back to her own
cozy bed, she looked up at

the stars and the gentle
fireflies blinking around her.
What a beautiful night it was
for Mali.



Afterword

With the approval of the Ministry of Education, this research-based project has empowered thousands of student authors for over ten years. Educationists recognize it as a program that significantly enhances the quality of school education.

In alignment with modern educational reforms, encouraging students to author a research work is a milestone in this journey. In this digital age of "Smart" technology, the modern school must demonstrate through research that books and technology should be used together. This is because the unique joy a child receives from a book cannot be replaced by anything else.

To prevent children from drifting away from books—which remain our primary educational tool and storehouse of human knowledge—Mahamaya Girls' College has spearheaded the "Hemamala Upahara" project for many years. Its primary objectives are to foster academic discipline, promote values, and pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who fulfilled a historic mission to empower women.

We express our gratitude to the Principal, teachers, parents, alumni of Mahamaya Girls' College, representatives of other schools, the Diyawadana Nilame, and the staff of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) for their support.

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(Project Creator)

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