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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

2026-05-10

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.

2026.05.10.

"Hi Mary!" "Hi Sungold!"

"Are you ready to go on our expedition to Greffaland forest." Noone said no to that Mary. "Yippee!" cried Mary jumping high up and throwing Sungold's sunglasses high in the sky. "Hey!" cried Sungold with great surprise. "Oops" said Mary neatly tripping over the sunglasses. Sungold shook her head. Mary in her excited mood was too dramatic indeed.

Mary's and Sungold's families had met in Sungold's house to go on an expedition to Greffaland forest. So without further ado let's get a move on," said Mary's father. And a move on they got.

After three hours travelling and a picnic they reached Greffaland forest. "Time to set the camp," said Mary. After many pulling and heaving they managed to put up the tents. "May we go and explore, mum?" asked Sungold. "Very well," said Sungold's mum. "But not too far."

Sungold and Mary started to go and explore. They watched the bunnies, rabbits and butterflies playing in the forest. Then they sat under the tree and enjoyed the sound and view of nature.

That's when they saw someone laughing nearby. "Time to investigate," they said together, and laughed. They heard someone taking a phone call that person said "I

shall dress as a ranger and go to those people's tent at the 3.00 pm and tell them to let me investigate their tents to see if they were environment healthy and quickly take any valuables I find and put them in my bag. You get the ready for me." Sungold's and Mary's faces turned red with anger. They ran to the campsite and told the others, They quickly made a plan. It was 2:30 p.m. They had thirty minutes more. Mary and Sungold were going to go around the forest carefully using their sharp skills that they had perfected incase of danger.

"Come on Mary," said Sungold. They treaded softly around the bushes searching for signs of people. Sungold looked backwards and sideways, while Mary looked forwards. Both of them had very very sharp eyes for they

had practiced very hard. After 15 minutes of searching they saw someone wearing a ranger outfit cautiously walking along the trees.

Sungold and Mary looked at each other and nodded. They carefully followed the person with bated breath.

At once the person looked all around to see that nobody was watching and then they opened a lid of a tunnel inside a bush and disappeared through it.

Sungold and Mary looked down and waited until the person went a long way. Then Sungold jumped in and followed the person. They both had special phones to speak to each other and compasses.

Sungold looked at her compass and said to Mary, "Going North." Mary too went toward North but above the tunnel. With the phones they counted the steps they were taking. They both had the same stride and by counting they made sure that the distance they were going was the same.

Just then the person stopped and sat down on an underground bench. Sungold told this to Mary and they both stopped.

"What now?" asked Mary. Sungold answered "I have a plan. You go and close the coat entrance. I'll take this person by surprise and run in front of them because I'm fast and even if there are more in front of me I'll do some

of my gymnastic dodges. Then I'll shut the other entrance too."

"But what if there are more of them near the other entrance?" asked Mary.

"Karate, boxing, kung fu wushu and other martial arts come in there," answered Sungold. "You quickly run and shut the hole. Tell me when you're done." In two minutes Mary had closed the hole and informed Mary Sungold.

Then Sungold ran forwards taking the person in surprise. That person chased her but Sungold was out of the exit and shut the lid. To make it firmer she put some heavy rocks and covered it in leaves. Then she went southwards

and met Mary. She too had put rocks and leaves on the lid. They both went to the camp where they had three cheers as they related their story. Then their parents told their story.

They had waited till the ranger had come and then when they had gone into a tent They quickly trapped the thief in the tent! Everyone cheered, But then Mary's mum asked "But do we have proof for the police?" Sungold's dad said "What do you mean?" Proof to prove that these two are thieves." "Oh yes! The ingenious two have got proof. We took a recording of the thief's phone call. We had our recorder. We were recording nature sounds and when the thief took the phone call it was recorded too," said Mary and Sungold smiling.

They called the police and watched the thieves being arrested.

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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