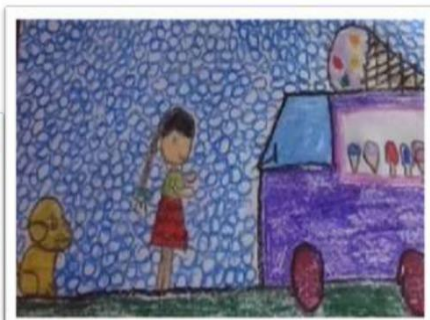


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Dedication



*I Would like to present my
first creation to my parents.*

Thank you.

Preface



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' Colleg

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

10-05-2026

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.

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01 Emma and The Tree



There was a tree on a mountain and a little girl named Emma who lived nearby. Emma loved to climb the mountain and watch the sunset. One day, she sat under the tree, and to her surprise, the tree spoke to her kindly. They became best friends.

Every day, Emma visited the tree. The tree gave her fruits, and Emma played on its branches. As time passed, Emma grew up, and the tree grew old.



One day, the tree died. When Emma came to visit, she found her friend gone forever. She cried and remembered all the love they shared. Emma learned that true friendship is precious and should always be valued.

02. Two Friends.

Two little fish were best friends. One day, they swam far away while playing and became lost. They could not find their way home, and a big shark tried to catch them.

Their worried mothers searched everywhere but could not find them. They asked the king of the sea for help. The king sent his soldiers, who soon found the two fish and brought them home safely.



The parents were very happy. The two friends learned an important lesson and never went far again without their parents' permission.



03The New School

Once upon a time, there was a new school.

The school had new teachers, a new principal, and new children.

The name of the school was **Wings International School**.



One day, a new child came to the school.

On his first day, some children hit and pushed him.

But the child did not cry.

His name was Nevon.

He was a good student, and he liked to help others.

One day, a child named Thimath was playing on the playground.

Suddenly, he fell down.

Nevon ran quickly and helped Thimath.

The day after tomorrow, Nevon did not come to school.

The next day, he came back, but he looked sad.

Thimath came near him and asked,

“Nevon, why are you sad?”

Nevon said, “Some children hit me.”

Thimath felt very sad too.

He said, “It’s okay. I will be your friend.”

Nevon felt very happy.

From that day on, Nevon and Thimath became best friends.



04 MILKI AND LASI

There was a girl named Milki. Milki had a pet dog named Lasi. Milki was a kind girl who helped everyone. Her best friend was Lasi.

Every day, Milki gave food to Lasi before she ate her own meal. One day, Milki and Lasi were playing in the park. Milki saw an ice cream truck and ran to buy an ice cream. She forgot about Lasi.

Lasi felt sad and walked outside the park. A kind woman saw Lasi and took him to her house. Lasi remembered how kind Milki had always been to him.

When Milki came back with her ice cream, Lasi was missing. The ice cream fell from her hand. She was very upset. Milki ran to her room and cried. She kept thinking about how Lasi used to play with her. She did not eat her meals, and day by day she became very sick.

One day, when Milki was in the park, she saw Lasi coming with the kind woman. Milki ran to Lasi and hugged him tightly. The woman was very happy to see them together.

From that day on, Lasi did not go out without Milki's permission. After that, they were very happy. Lasi loved Milki, and Milki loved Lasi.



05 THE BEAR AND THE BEE

There was a bear in the jungle. He likes to eat honey but never eat honey. Other bears eat honey every day. But they didn't share honey with the bear. His name was max.

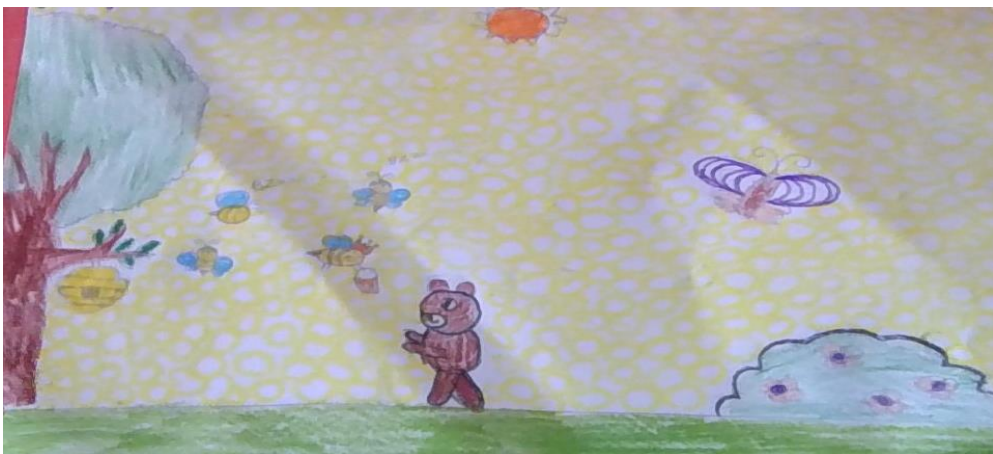
One day when he was walking in the jungle he saw a beehive on a tree. He wants to eat honey, he ran near the tree and jump but he can't. He was very sad. He saw his friend Gravel is coming near the beehive. Max ran and jumped behind the bush and hide. Max saw his friend gravel is taking a big stick and push the beehive.



The beehive falls to the ground. The bees inside beehive were very angry. Gravel didn't run, he took some water and spray to the bees.

The bees fly away. And Gravel took All the honey with him and ate. Max was very sad, because his friend forgot him. When Max was walking sadly in the jungle. A bees sawed Max, and the bees asked the why "Why are you very sad"?

Max said "I want honey, but I never eat honey. I'll give you honey, but you should help us to make a new beehive. Okay! Said Max. Max and the bees made a new beehive. And all the bees thank him. The Queen bee gave a small basket of honey. Max was so happy. Max thanks all the bees and went.





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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