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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.

Once upon a time in a land called Joyland there lived forty two Men and Fifty eight women talking and playing together.



but a evil witch saw this city and thought of a plan to make them argue and dislike each other. but this witch had no plans. so she went to her cottage and took her Sixty-seven spell books.



And started reading every page of the books. in the fourty seventh book she saw something she said! "aha!! here we go" she took her wand waved it and read the spell "Peaple not far enough you must be rewarded Nothing exept to argue" this spell was been cast in Joyland. and the name of the city was changed to argueland. the witch cackled

so much that she coughed fifty minutes without any break.

Her friends gave her lot and lots of gifts. her wand knew that it did the spell and turned mad. but suddenly the wand turned good and pink. after that she tried to lift her self up and cast a spell. but it failed. she tried again. and this time it got up and casted a reverse spell. "Inasant people who are friendly and kind. this is my last word, you'll be fine." the witch noticed these words and asked the wand "what have gotten into you?" the wand answered "good behaviour got into me." the witch got half mad and half sad. she picked the wand and repeated the spell. how many times she told it the spell didn't work. then she throwed the wand, stomped one time and

marched to her bed and said "the foolish little wand." and from like one minute she was fast asleep. when she woke up she was not mad at all. she saw the wand broken and cried so much that she couldn't stop crying. but the wand was not hers. it belonged to a fairy. that's why it turned good. the witch made a petition to make it evil. the city changed. it was peaceful once again. the witch couldn't bear this sort of thing. she never went out of her cottage again. I mean ever.

the next day arrived. it was 12.00 clock in the morning. she didn't drink her tea. she didn't wake up. didn't put a bath and didn't brush her teeth. her cat pesky woke up her and made a "meow" sound. "oh pesky I have broken my wand" mew said pesky. oh yes I must find a spell in the

spell book." the cat was puzzled. the witch quickly drank her tea dressed up put a bath and brushed her teeth. then went to her room took the wand fixing spell book. and looked at every little word. she saw it said "this is how to fix this wand. you must be good and friendly to the wand and to make it evil you must make the potion in page no. 52 she turned to page no. 52 and read the ingredients. it said, you need-two black currents, 8 dead spiders 7 evil ants and a piece of witch hair.



She found all of those things in her cottage and put them into the cauldron and mixed them all together. she saw something black slimy inside the cauldron. "yuk" said the witch. "let's put this inside the wand." then the witch put the mixture into the wand then from ten minutes the wand was made. pesky on the other hand was thinking why is the witch excited. he thought thought and thought

and got sleepy and went to a fast sleep. the witch wrote her name on her diary. and her name was Violet. she took her diary and read it. it said I am child still I am clever. but I'm not going to be a evil witch like my mother is. I am going to pass Advanced level and be a scientist. Then the witch cried for two things. the things were because her mother is dead and because she couldn't do what job she was thinking to. she gave the wand to a fairy dressed like a scientist took her cauldron away her spell books away, and put some science books. cleaned the cobwebs. throwed away her potions. and made some experiments. made her house bigger and nicer and went to the science laboratory and made a new thing. the thing was a wand every other scientist looked at her. she frowned at them. she told she will give the wand to a museum. but when

she was going in the bus. her mother appeared. violet hugged her. i came to see you because I so you have made a wand from one minute. and when she told those words. she remembered how she have been kind and how sad she has been. she thought oh this is my reward for being a good person.

She did her work seriously today because of her mother. But her sister Dia was a evil witch and came to where she was working and said why did you be a scientist? you told we'll be evil witches and work together. oh sis let's both go to my cottage and I'll tell you the whole story up to now. okay then tell the whole story up to now. then they both went to the cottage. Violet sat in her chair and said everything. this is what she said. when I was young

I thought of learning so much and being a scientist. but I didn't be one. I wore a witches hat and dressed like a witch. but I didn't have three things. the things were a flying broom stick, a cauldron and last of all a wand.

because I didn't have a wand I stole one from a fairy called bella and magiced a cauldron and a broomstick but the wand was good. so I made a potion and made it evil. the wand was evil. I magiced a cottage, potions and cob webs. but yesterday I read my diary I remembered my mother and my job. I was planning to be.

Then I cried I dressed like a scientist took the cobwebs out. made the cottage a big house. magiced the cauldron away. and made some experiments. and went to a science

laboratory and started working. and I made a wand. then I told the other scientists I'm going to the museum and went to the museum in the bus. and when I was going mother appeared and was proud of me. and told she will live in this world. What? said Dia. what? I'm going to be a scientist too. and she magicked her self to a scientist. then this news went to every country and every person was friendly and kind. then Violet was so famous. she laughed so much and the two Sisters lived happily ever after.

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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