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Dedication

To Madam Chamila

Your guidance lit the path, your patience built the strength.
This book is dedicated to you with deepest respect and gratitude.



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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1] Meeting each other

“Hey Sabrina, What are you doing just right now? Don’t hurt him.” Agnes said while she’s running down on stairs.

“Oh, please help me! Sabrina...”shouted Agnes, when she’s broking the flower pot upon the last stair because a leg slap.

“No wonder, you always telling me to don’t hurt to animals. But see whether that you broke the glass” Sabrina said .

“Ok, ok...Everything will be fine. Please help me to clean this stuff before when they arrive.”

“Wait, wait...Who is coming here today?”

“Hey! Look! Don’t you even remember that Charlie, Bob and Jessica will arrive here to spend the vacation?”

“Sorry dear! I forgot that”

“It’s okay. Can you help me to take the letters to back home?”

“Ok. I’ll do it”

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The bell is ringing.

“Hey Sabrina! The bell rang. I think already they came. I’m so glad to see them. Hurry up Sabrina! I have to ready this”

“Wait, I’ll check soon”

Few minutes have passed. Sabrina still didn’t come. Agnes got afraid.

She started to look about her. In a one second four black people appeared in front of her. She screamed with fear and beginning to shiver. The tall one carried a knife. Others were beginning to laugh. After a moment they take away their fake masks. Suddenly Agnes had been happy, fear, angry and unbelievable at the same time. They were her friends.

“Hey! My Jesus! I was frightening! What are you doing to me? It is very scary... Oh my god! You too Sabrina...”

“I’m sorry Agnes; I didn’t mean to scare you. But when I went to search out they had come. In that moment Charlie said me to do this stuff! After that me too joined”

“Ok...ok... I’m very happy to see you all... Come inside. Sabrina and I prepared a strawberry cake. Enjoy it”

“What? Did you make it? Wow! I love it! It is my favor. Thank you Sabrina... thank you Agnes...”

“Welcome! Jessica”

They enjoyed that tea time. Next they went to the play area in their house. With happy they enjoyed with fun to make the whole day happier than ever.

After some time they went to get dinner. They were talkative than the other days. They arranged a party and started to dance. In that time Agnes’s gold watch lost. In a sudden, they heard a big noise. They checked what was that is. They saw the bulb was exploding out. They began to laugh and continue the party till they went to sleep...

In the next morning they were very tired to get out from their beds. But Agnes was the only diligent girl. Because of that she woke up before her friends prepared breakfast. After few minutes her friends came after sleeping like they never did.

“Good morning Agnes!”

“Good morning”

“Ah! You had preparing our breakfast! It just makes me hungry”

“Ok, ok... I was waiting until you all came to breakfast”

Half an hour later they finished their breakfast. Then they went to walk through the plain. After playing some time they went to the home. Next they decided to go to the river to have a fun. They took their lunch to the boxes and juices. And then they went to the river. When they finished bathing, they took their lunch with chill.

When they went to home, they wanted to take a nap. After taking a nap they feel better than before. They went on speaking.

“Hey! Now tell about our trip”

“What? Do we going a trip again?”

“Yeah!

Why not? My parents already gave me permission with that” “Wow!

That is awesome”

“Ok!

Where do we go?”

“My father arranged a trip to Egypt! How about it?”

“You are the one who have hidden powers. We are so lucky to be your friends”

“Hey! I don’t be mad as you”

“But this is an opportunity to develop our skills. Isn’t it?”

“Of course.”

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“Agnes, by the way how can we manage it?”

“I already have a plan”

“What is that?”

“I think it is easy. We can pack our essentials and some snacks. But we have to get breakfast before we leave. Also the important thing is money. Do you all have money?”

“Yeah! All of us have money”

“Ok. It is enough”

“Agnes, how about the transport workings?”

“Do we have to pay extra money?”

“Hey friends! Don’t worry! My father will make it”

“Ooh! That’s it”

“So, let’s pack our bags”

They began to pack their bags. They didn’t feel the time is running out. When they finished it, the time was about to 4.00 a.m. They all brushed their teeth and ready to sleep.

2)Beginning the trip

They slept until 11.00 a.m. When they all got up they felt fresh but inner happy. They got their breakfast and ready to went. When they came to the main road, a black man appeared. He seems be cruel. He had a hair near to the neck. Also he had a beard. He looked everywhere and suddenly his eyes stop on this gang of friends. He stepped forward.

“Who is the daughter of Mr.Wilson ?”

“Ah! Hi, I’m the daughter of Mr. Wilson”

“Hi! How am I inform you? As...”

“Agnes”

“Ok. Are you ready?”

“Yes”

“So, follow me”

They entered to the airport from the car. The black man talked with another man. After that, they directly went to a beautiful and comfy airplane.

“Ah! It looks nice. I felt sleepy”

“Do you thinking to sleep during the whole time?”

“No. I mean I couldn’t to sleep. So I need to sleep now. Please wake me up before the plane land”

“Ok. I’ll do”

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The plane arrived. They only simply talked with each other. They were on their mind. Jessica woke up Bob few minutes ago before the plane land. The black man was their guider. He carried them to a resort. They rested few minutes. Then they began to walk around the resort. After the dinner, they played some games and went to bed.

In the next morning, their guider came after they took their breakfast.

“Good morning Ms. Agnes; Good morning children”

“Good morning!”

“Do you ready to travel?”

“Yes, We are”

“Ok. Let’s go”

The guider went to a shop with them. They bought some equipment for the journey. Then the guider carried them to a nice place. It was a museum. The guider informed them to the manager of the museum. The manager went on talking with them. They saw a cloth that is the oldest one upon the world. Treen...treen...treen... A bell was ringing. All of them were nervous. Some security guards were tightly holding the black man.

“What is going on there?”

“We caught this man when he and his friend trying to break the glass and steel the item in it. But unfortunately, his friend escaped and we caught this stupid man”

“By the way, what are you going to do with him?”

“We have to arrest him”

“But...”

“Why?”

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“If you arrest him, how can we stay in here?”

“Don’t worry. We can...”

“Can you give him a chance please! I think he is a good man”

“Yes. That’s true. If he can tell the truth, we can release him”

“Thank you so much sir”

“Welcome. Go to the resort safely now”

“Ok, sir. Good night!”

“Good night!”

They went to the resort. When they heading to the resort, the manager talked with them. He told them to come to the police station tomorrow. After they went to the resort, they discussed about Agnes’s decision.

“Hey Agnes, why do you think that the black man is good?”

“I think if he is bad, he can stole all of our jewelleries. Otherwise, he is our guider”

“It seems to be true. But how can we prove it?”

“Here is the way. If he saying any of lie, we can decide that he is lying

to us; so we won't to forgive him"

"Yeah! I got it"

"So, shall we go to sleep?"

"Ok. Good night!"

"Good night"

They went to sleep. But Agnes didn't sleep. She thought how to save him from the problem. She is always a problem solver. So, if a good person is on a problem, exactly she would like to solve it.

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3]Jason is telling the truth

"Finally, we came"

"Oh! How are you Mr.Jacob?"

"I'm fine! How are you my dear children?"

"We are good sir. How is that one?"

"Whom? Are you asking about Jason?"

"What? Is that his name?"

"Yes. He talked nonsense. When we give him the dinner, he said as that he didn't do anything wrong"

"Oh! Is that so. We'll find the way to help him"

"Ok. I'm heading to the office. We can start it now"

They went to bring Jason. Then the OIC of the police came there. They started to ask questions from Jason. Agnes's heart was racing. Also she was shivering. Sabrina held her hand.

“Good morning all of you! Now we can start this”

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“Are you ready to tell the truth?”

“Yes. I have to explain about this situation”

In the next second, he removed the his wig and beard. The audience was surprised. It was Frezor Mathiews; the best detective in England.

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“Hey! This is unbelievable incident. But, why are you here?”

“Let me tell you the story. But, don’t disturb to me”

“Ok. Start it now”

“When I went to a forest, I missed my friends. The jungle got darker than earlier. I only had the phone on my hand. I tried to connect a friend to a call. But, there had no signal. If I’m a detective, I felt sad and fear. When tears fell down from my eyes, I feel hopeless.

Suddenly, a torch light came to my face. I was scared but, I saw that was another crew of men. I got up and went to them. They helped me a lot in that day. The head of the crew was Mr.Wilson. He is a good man...

We associate each other 3 years until today. Also he is my best friend. During last week, I need to travel in Egypt. So I asked about it from my friend. He told he has no time. But he said this is the

vacation of his children. I propose him to take them here safely. He said “ok” to me.

When we came here I stayed in the resort that the children are staying. I keep my eyes on them in every minute. But I wanted to disguise myself as a visitor; because my friend told me to report, how his children can manage the things. On the day before yesterday, I became friendly with the man who tried to stole the items. Really, I came here to travel and find some information about Egypt. Fortunately, I can hang another crime now. I told about this trip to him and asked him if he like to join with us. In a sudden, he asked from me,

“Hey, you are poor as me I think. Don’t you like to steel something from there and live happily? If you’re married, also your wife will be happy about you. We can’t live poor in our whole life. Isn’t it? Do you agree with me? We can do it together.”

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I confused in that moment. But I didn’t show it up. I said “ok”. But I had another plan. He is an American. In last week, he came to this country. Because of that, he didn’t know about this country. He thought that this country hasn’t any active police. So, this information was enough to me. When he tried to touch the glass, I pressed the emergency button. He didn’t notice it. When the bell is ringing, he escaped from here. I couldn’t to do anything. So, I came with the guards. I think to catch him before he do crimes. I have plans also. What are you think now?”

“Seriously, I can’t believe this. I don’t even think that you will come with us”

“I knew it. But you have to believe it. I just want to solve this problem. If I can left from here, we can make a big plan to catch that man”

“Mr.Jacob, what you are thinking about?”

“I think he told the whole story. I believe it. I think to release him.”

“Yeah. Me too. Let’s release him”

“Ok children. Let’s go”

They went to the resort. They talked much and played. Then they began to plan about that case. Frezor was the most brilliant one. When they planned it, they felt satisfied. They went to sleep until the sunrise.

4]Catching the murderer

They got up at 7.00 a.m. They got their breakfast. Frezor came to carry them to an old ground. They also searched about the robber. He didn’t in there. They went to a shop. It has old but, archeologic items. They bought some items from it.

Seven days passed. They thought, the robber was escaped from the country.

After a month...

“Hey Charlie, look at that girls. They are looking at you”

When Charlie look at there, the girls wondered. They began to laugh.

“You are right. They are laughing to Charlie. No wonder, they want to make him fall in love with them”

“What? I don’t like them. I am not handsome as you think”

“Are you crazy? You are the most handsome boy I saw”

“Thank you. But, don’t ...”

“Please help me... please... Aren’t there anyone?”

“Who is that? Who are screaming?”

“Who know. Let’s go”

“Let go of her. Please don’t kill her. I’m begging you. I’ll give you money. Please don’t...”

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“Aaaaaaaaaaaaaah”

“Please tell me what is going on. Where is the sound coming from?”

“I think it is from that house. Let’s go”

They went to that house. Suddenly a man appeared with a knife.

Frezor caught a man. It was that robber. Agnes suddenly called to the police station. Three policemen got him and carried to the police station. In that time, Agnes and the team went inside to the house. A woman was crying alone. There was blood everywhere. After few minutes, Frezor put his hand on her arm softly. He gently asked from the woman as what was going on. She replied.

“I..I..I went to make something to my daughter. In a sudden, she screamed as ‘mother...mother... there is a robber.’ I ran faster to her. When I’m coming, the robber was holding her and kept a knife on her neck. I screamed. He was threatening to me. He told me to give money. I asked as if not. He told ‘this is the way.’ And...”

She continued it with crying. The team confused. They went to the room. It was a sad scene. There was a body of a little girl. It was breaking into two pieces. Girls began to cry. Boys were sobbing. Frezor got some pictures of it. Then they directly went to the police station.

“Hey Jacob, please kill him. He is a ****. He killed a little girl. I thought from the beginning”

“Wait. He said, he isn’t the man. It was his twin brother. When he

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telling him to stop it, that *** did it to her. But the knife was taking by

this man. So, don’t get angry with him”

“Ok. I want to see him”

“Let’s go... This is him”

“Ha ha... Now help me to find your twin *** and kill him. Come with me now. Where can be him? If you don’t help me, I’ll arrest you too”
“I promise, I’ll help to you”

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“I think he is in our house now. I have a wife and a daughter. But, he is single. Please hurry up. I’m scared. He will kill my daughter too. I will talk him to outside. Hide yourselves. When I count, ready and catch him”

“Ok. We’ll do”

“David... David... Come out. I came”

“Why are you so late?”

“This is the reason... Come with me. One, two, three...”

In a second, they jumped onto him. Policemen caught David. They all went to the police station. OIC of police decided to kill him. David has done many murders. But, he asked for a glass of water. When Mr. Jacob give him a water glass, David got a mini bottle. Some tablets were inside it. He drank water with some tablets. Suddenly, he started to shiver. In a second, his neck fold down.

“David... David... He isn’t talking. I think he is dead... Oh! The tablets have poison. Are you feel sad about him Mr...?”

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“John. I never feel sad about him. He always teased to my family. But I can’t bear up about the scene. He got his punishment. I changed the tablets. He use some tablets for migrein. But, I add poison to it. I’m so happy about that. Let’s help that woman. But we can’t do

anything about that girl”

“Wow! So, it isn’t a suicide. But, I’m so... Let’s go. I’m so sad about that girl. We’ll help to them. Collect the items”

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.

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