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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my parents, for their love and encouragement. It is also dedicated to my teachers and friends for guiding me and supporting me to learn new things every day.



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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I have lots of dreams in my heart.
I can be so many things.
Every dream makes me happy!



Explorer

I want to be an explorer.

I love to explore new animals.

I like to explore animals I like and animals I don't like too.

Explorers are brave!



Gardener

I want to be a gardener.
I love gardening very much.
I give my plants lots of water.
I take care of them with love.
My plants love me too.



Chef

I want to be a chef.

I love to cook and eat food.

I love the food my mom and dad make.

I will cook with lots of love.



Dancer

I want to be a dancer.

I love to dance.

Dancing makes everyone happy.

It makes my mom smile.

It makes my dad smile too.



Singer

I want to be a singer.

I love to sing beautiful songs.

My voice will make everyone smile.

When I say beautiful songs my mom and dad will
feel so happy.



Scientist

I want to be a scientist.

I like to do experiments.

I like to make potions too.

I love to teach everyone how to do experiments.



Zookeeper

I want to be a zookeeper.

I love animals.

I like to play with them.

I want to take care of them.



Swimming Coach

I want to be a swimming coach.

I love to teach everyone how to swim.

I show them froggy legs.

I show them front kicking.

Swimming is fun for everyone.



Artist

I want to be an artist.

I love to draw nice pictures.

I will use lots of colors.

Everyone will love my arts.



Housewife

I want to be a housewife like my mom.

I love to take my kids to school like my mom.

I love to take care of my family.

Everyone will love me.

I want my family to be happy.



I don't have to choose just one.
I can try them all!



AFTERWARD



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)