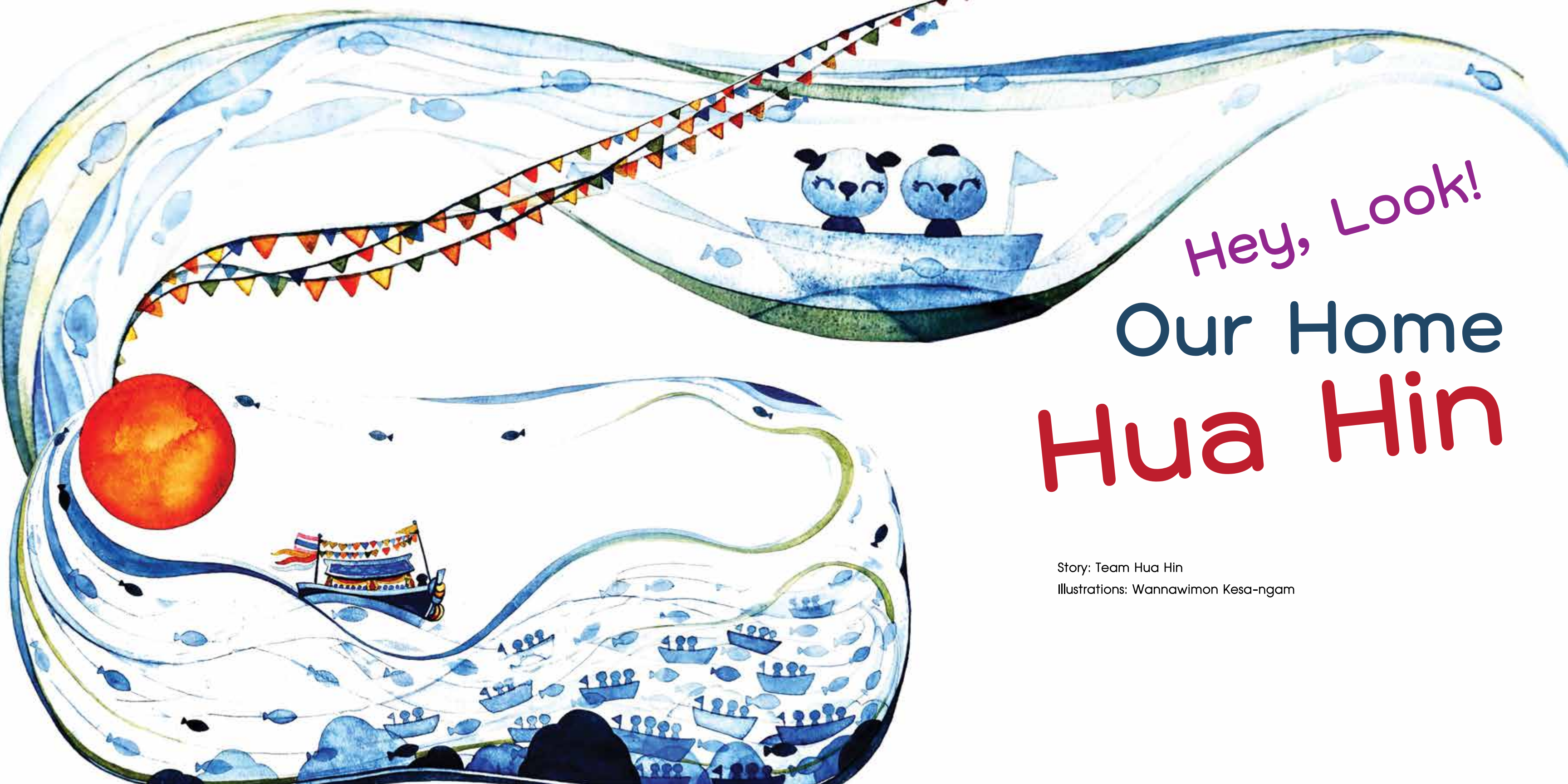


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It's a bright, sunny day at Hua Hin Beach.
The children played happily in the sand.
Then... a little hermit crab slowly crawled out from a hole in the rocks.



“Hello! Are you a crab or a shell?”
“I’m a hermit crab!” the little crab replied.
“Then why do you have a shell like a snail?”
The crab smiled.
“This shell... is my home! Isn’t it pretty?”

My body is soft,
so I need a shell to stay safe.
When I was little,
I lived in a tiny shell.
But as I grew bigger...
I had to find a bigger home.
If there are no shells left on the beach,
hermit crabs like me have no home at all.
Some of us have to fight. Some have to steal.
And sometimes...
we have to use bottles or cans people throw away.



The boy looked at the shell in his hand,
then gently placed it back on the sand.



“It’s not just me who needs a home—fish do too!”
said the little crab.
“And Jook and Klæe help build homes for them!”

Every year in Hua Hin, there's a special ceremony called "Sending Worries Out to Sea."

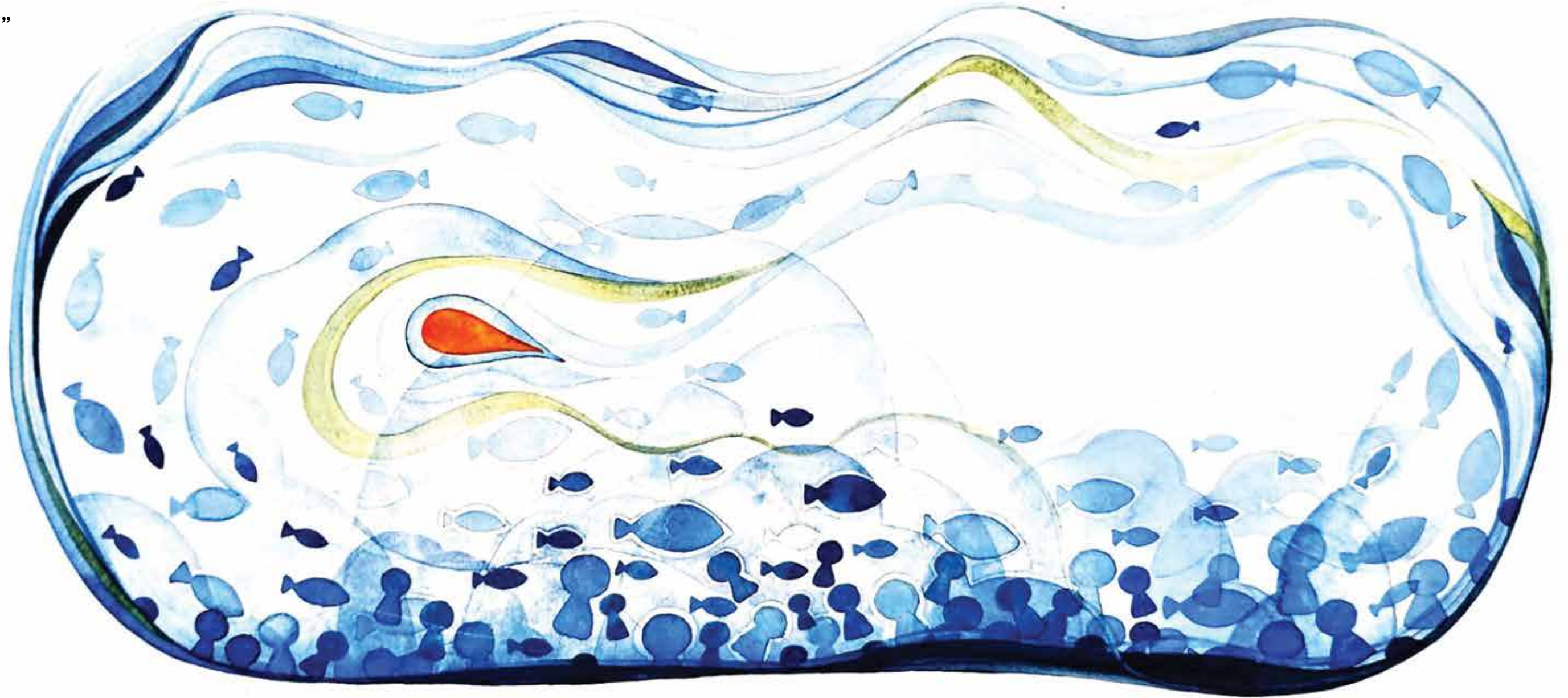
People decorate a little boat with colorful cloth, and place dolls like Nong Jook and Nong Klæe on it. They write their names -and the names of people they love -on the dolls, and make a wish for all bad things to go away.





Then they pull the boat out to sea,
to a place called Phu Khrong Rock,
and let it sink into the deep water.

“Wow... do the dolls just disappear forever?” asked the girl.
The little crab gently shook his claws.
“Not really...The dolls become underwater homes—
for fish to hide, lay eggs, and rest.
Just like real houses!”





“The Hua Hin sea...
has coral reefs that
are home to fish,
and shells that are homes for
hermit crabs.

...and Hua Hin is your home too, isn't it?”

“Yes! Hua Hin is my home.
I want the sea to stay beautiful like this forever.”
The little crab smiled... with a happy heart.



End-of-Book Note

The Local Knowledge Picture Book is a core activity of the One Book One City project, implemented across ten provinces by the Thailand Knowledge Park (TK Park). The initiative aims to create a platform for exchanging knowledge in order to produce children's picture books inspired by the intellectual and cultural heritage of each locality.

The project is designed to encourage participation from representatives of all provincial network partners, guided by experts in children's picture book production. The process covers every stage - from generating ideas, outlining stories, writing manuscripts, and illustrating, to publishing - ensuring that each book is not only a genuine source of local pride, but also meets professional quality standards. These books convey embedded local wisdom that can be shared with readers both in Thailand and around the world.

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End-of-Book Activity: Let's Make Dough Dolls!



Playing with modeling dough offers many developmental benefits for young children, supporting their growth in various areas:

Physical Development

Manipulating dough - rolling, squeezing, pinching, and shaping - helps strengthen fine motor skills in the fingers and wrists. It also enhances hand-eye coordination.

Emotional and Mental Development

Working with dough encourages concentration, imagination, and creativity. Children gain a sense of pride and accomplishment from creating something of their own. It can also be a relaxing and soothing activity.

Social Development

When done in groups, this activity promotes teamwork, sharing, and communication with others.

Cognitive Development

Children learn to observe shapes and changes in texture, sparking their imagination and developing analytical thinking through hands-on discovery. Importantly, modeling dough is non-toxic, biodegradable, and environmentally friendly.

Materials Needed:

- Modeling dough in various colors
- Rolling pin (if available)
- Mat or tray for working surface

Instructions:

1. Preparing the Dough

- Set out different colors of modeling dough.
- Make sure the dough is soft and ready to use. If it feels a bit hard, knead in a few drops of warm water.
- Provide child-sized rolling pins if available.

2. Sculpting the Dolls

- Teachers or caregivers should begin by demonstrating how to make basic shapes - such as rolling balls, making cylinders, flattening dough, and combining parts to form figures. Then, let the children pick their favorite colors and freely sculpt their own dough dolls using their imagination.

Safety Tips for Preschoolers:

- Always supervise closely to prevent children from putting dough in their mouths. Even though homemade dough is non-toxic, it should not be eaten.
- Teach children to wash their hands before and after the activity.
- Store dough in airtight containers to keep it fresh. Replace the dough when it starts to look dirty to maintain good hygiene.

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