

THE COMMENTARIES TO THE
ANĀGATAVAMSA IN THE PĀLI
MANUSCRIPTS OF THE PARIS
COLLECTIONS*

In memoriam Ven. Hammalawa Saddhātissa

The publication of the work of Ven. Hammalawa Saddhātissa in the “Collection Unesco, œuvres représentatives”: *The Birth Stories of the Ten Bodhisattas, being a Translation and Edition of the Dasabodhisattuppattikathā*, London, Pali Text Society, 1975 (= DBK), brought us, about fifteen years ago, a critical edition of the original Pāli text and its English translation together with a rich introduction and detailed notes, thus giving an overall view of this strange small work of late Pāli literature.

To establish the text, the author used five manuscripts, all in Sinhalese script, kept at the British Library or in Sri Lanka. He also mentions an edition in Pāli with a rather inaccurate Sinhalese translation (1926), full of mistakes, which had not been of any help to him in his translation. Ven. Saddhātissa also refers to the article by Prof. Minayeff of St Petersburg (“Anāgata-vamsa”, *JPTS* 1886, pp. 33–53), which mentions a copy of a manuscript in Burmese script preserved at Prome (Shwe Downg) and another manuscript, in Cambodian script (ka–kho), 3 lines per page, incomplete, which was said to be in the Bibliothèque nationale in Paris (BN). Ven. Saddhātissa greatly regretted not having been able to find a trace of this manuscript. The brief description of it that Minayeff gives (*incipit, explicit*) has not enabled me to identify this ms., which I have therefore not been able to consult. There is at the BN, under the reference number PALI 737, a hand-written catalogue by Minayeff and Feer, *Catalogue des manuscrits pālis de la Bibliothèque Nationale*

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de Paris, 1866–68, which, however, does not mention any ms. with the title “*Anāgatavamsa*”. Could it be the ms. mentioned later under the title “*Anāgata-Vaṃsa* (Kāmb)” on p. 35 of the *List of Pāli MSS. in the BN. Paris*, by L. Feer in *JPTS* 1882? Another list of the Pāli mss. of the BN, in Feer’s handwriting, reference number PALI 740, mentions an *Anāgatavamsa*, PALI 629, which I shall describe in due course. This is not the ms. cited by Minayeff. Finally, A. Cabaton, *Catalogue sommaire des manuscrits sanscrits et pālis*, Bibliothèque nationale, Paris 1908, lists four mss. of the *Anāgatavamsa*, PALI 629, 649, or its *tikā*, PALI 322, 323, which correspond better to the ms. cited. The lack of more precise identification precludes the possibility of our locating it in the present collection, if it still exists there, which I doubt, since, having catalogued the 885 mss. of the Pāli collection of the BN, I have found other mss. of the DBK, and various commentaries on the *Anāgatavamsa*, but no ms. corresponding to the characteristics described by Minayeff.

Besides this, it appears that Ven. Saddhātissa did not use the work by François Martini, “Dasa-bodhisatta-Uddesa, texte pāli publié avec une traduction et un index grammatical”, published more than fifty years ago in *BEFEO XXXVI*, fasc. 2, Hanoi 1937, which gives in an appendix the first European edition (in roman script) of the DBK (pp. 391–413) as well as the French translation of its introduction (p. 290). Martini’s edition is nonetheless cited in the *Critical Pāli Dictionary*, Epilegomena 4.4.2. (Ven. Saddhātissa was later to refer to this edition which I had pointed out to him, in “Pali Literature in Cambodia”, *JPTS* 1981, p. 192). We had to wait until 1988 to see new studies on the cult of Metteyya appear with: *The Coming Ariya Metteyya, Research Papers* by Saya U Chit Tin, assisted by William Pruitt, Dhamma Talks: The Bodhisatta Metteyya and Buddha Ariya Metteyya, Published by The Sayagyi U Ba Khin Memorial Trust, Dhammadāna Series 7. These studies are based on Ven. Saddhātissa’s work DBK and are presented in the form of sermons for Buddhists. To my knowledge, there are no more editions of the commentaries to the *Anāgatavamsa*, of

which the Paris collections, now easily accessible, hold a dozen mss. I have classified them by title.

1. The manuscripts of the Dasabodhisatta-uddesa

They are four in number. Three are kept in the Pāli collection of the Département des manuscrits orientaux in the BN, Paris, and one in the Pāli collection of the Ecole française d’Extrême-Orient’s library, Paris (EFEO). The mss. BN 629 and 649 were used in Martini’s edition referred to above. Since this edition two new mss. have entered our collections: BN 860 and EFEO 41 (formerly Cambodian collection on olas n° 252, provenance unknown). I have carefully collated them. Both offer only minor orthographic variants which do not change the sense of the text and conform to the critical apparatus given in footnotes by Martini, who edited this text using three mss. of the same recension. These two mss. therefore merely attest the conformity to a well-established tradition. We should note that none of these four mss., which resemble each other in all material points (olas, dimensions, scripts, presumed dates, apparent provenance from Cambodia) begins with the usual formula which prefaces each ms. of Theravāda Buddhism: namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammāsambuddhassa.

BN PALI 629 Dasabodhisatta-uddesa — *Anāgatavamsa* (CPD 4.4.2)

Ola 1a: bra anāgatavaṇsaparipuṇā phūk 1 | + khmer; olas 1b to 6a, bl. Beg., ola 6b: sathā sāvathiyam upanissaya pubbārāme visākhāya kārāpitāya vasanto ajitatheram ārabba anāgate dasabodhisattam uppannam desesi | sāriputto bhante bhagavā ajitathero bhaddhakappe ariyametteyyo buddho ...

End., ola 50b(ghai): ... iti dasauddesāni dasabuddhassa pāramidhammadesaṇassa satthārā desitam samattam siyā | dasabodhisattauddeso niṭṭhito | anāgatavamso niṭṭhito | nibbanapaccayo

hotu me anāgate | olas 51 to 56, bl.

Used in F. Martini's ed.: "Dasa-Bodhisatta-Uddesa texte pāli publié avec une traduction et un index grammatical", BEFEO 1937, tome XXXVI, fasc. 2, pp. 287–413. This is not the ms. mentioned by Minayeff (JPTS 1886, p. 40).

cf. BN PALI 649 and 860

56 olas, 560 × 50 mm, gilt edges with a middle band of vermillion, 2 cord-holes, 5 lines, 65 char. — Script. Mūl — Numb. Mūl letters — Fine writing.

No date — Rabardelle Coll.

BN PALI 649 Dasabodhisatta-uddesa — Anāgatadasa-buddhavāmsa (CPD 4.4.2)

Ola 1a: anāgatavaṁsaparipuṇṇa phūk 1 | + khmer; olas 1b to 8a, bl. Beg., ola 8 (ka) = BN PALI 629; olas 32 to 36, bl. ola 37a: phūk 2; olas 37b to 40, bl.

End., ola 64b(gho) 2: | iti dasa uddesāni dasabuddhassa pāramidhammasenassa satthārā desitam samatam siyā | dasabodhisatta uddeso niṭṭhito | sāro maṇḍovaro kappo sāramanḍo ca bhaddhako ete pañcavidhā kappā sambuddhena sudesitā | sāre ekabuddho bodhimanḍakappe ca dutiyo varakappe tayo buddha catutthā sāramanḍake bhaddakappe pañcabuddhā sambuddhena pakāsitā | anāgatadasabuddhavaṁsa | ughaṭitañu bodhisatto pañādhiko ti nāma so vipaccitañu bodhisatto vutto saddhādhikā nāmaneyyo viriyādhiko nāma bodhisatto ime tayo ti | olas 65 to 69, bl.

cf. BN PALI 629 and 860. Used in F. Martini's ed. This is not the ms. mentioned by Minayeff.

69 olas between 2 modern wooden boards, 570 × 50 mm, gilt edges, 2 cord-holes, 5 lines, 58 char. — Script. Mūl — Numb. Mūl letters — Fine writing.

No date.

BN PALI 860 Dasabodhisatta-uddesa — Anāgatadasa-buddhavāmsa (CPD 4.4.2)

Ola 1a: bra anāgatavaṁsaparipuṇṇa | phūk 1 | olas 1b to 7a, bl.

Beg., ola 7b(ka): | satthā sāvatthiyā upanissāya pubbārāme visākhāya kārāpīte vasanto ajitatheram ārabba anāgate dasabodhisattam uppānam desesi | ...

End., ola 47b(ghu) 1: iti dasauddesāni dasabuddhassa pāramidhammasenassa satthārā desitam samatam siyā | ... dasabodhisattauddeso niṭṭhito + addition found in BN PALI 649 and EFEO PALI 41 but not in BN PALI 629, from: "sāro maṇḍovaro kappo ... " to: "... ime tayo ti". Adds line 5: sāro | la | asuñā pañcavidhākappo buddhappādehi maṇḍitā: eko buddho sāro kappo | la | tato natthādhikājinā | anāgatadasabuddhavaṁsa | olas 48 to 51, bl.

cf. EFEO PALI 41 and BN PALI 629, 649. Not used in F. Martini's ed. This is not the ms. mentioned by Minayeff.

51 olas, 600 × 60 mm, gilt edges, 2 cord-holes, 5 lines, 70 char. — Script. Mūl — Numb. Mūl letters — Fine writing.

No date — Donation 29591 (Ven. Kosgoda Sobhita 1975)

EFEO PALI 41 Dasabodhisatta-uddesa — Anāgatadasa-buddhavāmsa (CPD 4.4.2)

Ola 1a: anāgatavaṁsa paripuṇṇa phūk 1; on the lefthand side, in black ink: C. 252; in Latin script: anāgatavāmsa; olas 1b to 3a, bl.

Beg., ola 3b(ka): satthā sāvatthiyā upanissāya pubbārāme visākhāya kārāpitāya vasanto ajitatheram ... olas 27 to 28, bl.

ola 29a: anāgatavāmsa paripuṇṇa phūk 2 | olas 29b to 30, bl.

End., ola 52a(gho)2: iti dasauddesāni dasabuddhassa pāramidhammasenassa satthārā desitam samatam siyo | dasabodhisatta-uddeso niṭṭhito | sāro maṇḍo varo kappo sāramanḍo ca bhāddhako ete pañcavidhā kappā sambuddhena sudesitā | sāre ekabuddho bodhimanḍakappe ca dutiyo varakappe tayo buddhā catutthā sāramanḍake bhaddakappe pañcabuddhā sambuddhena pakāsitā | anāgatadasabuddhavaṁsa |

ughaṭitañū bodhisatto pañādhiko ti nāma so vipaccitañū bodhisatto vutto saddhādhiko nāma neyyo viriyādhiko nāma bodhisatto ime tayo ti | olas 52b to 54, bl.

= BN PALI 629, 649 and 860. cf. ed. F. Martini, op. cit. above BN PALI 629, pp. 297–335 line 10. Not used in F. Martini's ed. This is not the ms. mentioned by Minayeff.

54 olas, 560 × 52 mm, gilt edges with a middle band of vermillion, 2 holes, 5 lines, 60 char. — Script. Mūl — Numb. Mūl letters.

No date.

2. The manuscripts of Amatarasadhārāṭikā or Amatarasadhārāvaṇṇanā or Amatarasadhārā-aṭṭhakathā or Amatarasadhārā nāma Anāgatabuddhavamsavaṇṇanā

We do not know a lot about this text. Ven. Saddhātissa merely mentioned it in his *Pali Literature in Cambodia* (op. cit.), p. 181: "The *Amatarasadhārā*¹ ('bearing the stream of nectar', i. e. Nibbāna) is a *tiṭṭikā* on the thera Kassapas's *Anāgatavamsa* ... a poem of about 150 stanzas giving an account of the future Buddha Metteyya The *Gandhavamsa* ... mentions an Upatissa, a monk from Ceylon, as the author of the *Anāgatavamsaṭṭhakathā*; Malalasekera has identified this Upatissa with the author of the *Bodhivamsa* ... until more evidence is forthcoming The colophon of the *Amatarasadhārā* states: 'The *Amatarasadhārā*, the commentary on the *Anāgata-Buddhavamsa* written by Upatissa is ended ...'. This statement leads us to the conclusion that the author of this work is definitely the author of the *Bodhivamsa*, which has been assigned to the tenth century Possibly what we have here is a different version of the same *Anāgatavamsaṭṭhakathā* prepared in Cambodia under the title of *Amatarasadhārā* based on Upatissa's commentary".

¹ In Thailand this is called *Amatadhārānāgatavamsa-aṭṭhakathā*. An alternative title is *Amatarasadhārānāgata-Buddhavamsavaṇṇanā*.

The mss. are seven in number; four are kept at the BN and three at the EFEO. The table below summarises the order and representation of their different chapters according to the mss. When a chapter is represented I indicate the letter which serves as foliation on the ola, "a" for recto, "b" for verso, then the number of the line where the chapter starts. I have taken the ms. BN 630 as the base because it represents the most complete text, in which I have been able to find the greatest number of chapters. The absence of any indication does not always signify that the chapter does not exist in the ms. concerned, but simply that the title is missing, or that I have not been able to find it, even when it is represented in the chapter. Only systematic collation of these mss. could clarify it completely for us.

None of these has been studied previously.

BN PALI 630 Amatarasadhārāvaṇṇanā — Anāgatavamsa by Upatissa (CPD 4.4.1,2)

Ola 1a: amatarasadhārāṭikā anāgatavamsa phūk 1 | olas 1b to 6a,bl. Beg., ola 6b(ka): namo tassa ... jinena yena ānitam lokassa amatam hitam tassa pādambujam vande | brahma devindavanditam | dassitam munirājena vande dhammam divākaram mohandakāram viddhamsi veneyyambujabodhanam | so kitasilaramsihi vande samgham nisākaram pasādakamudam niccam | bodhentam janamānase | natvā vatthuttayam evam yam puññam pasuttam mayā | tassa tejena hantvāna antarāye asesato | soham anāgatavamsam | vaṇṇayissam mahesino | bhāsitam caṅkamantena | nabheratanacaṅkame | buddhavasāvasānamhi | brahmaghosena tādinā dhammasenāpatitthera | yācitena sayambhūnā pubbā aṭṭhakathā tassa | ...

ola 22b(khu) 2 | nidānakathā |

" 28b(kham) 5 | gunekadesakathā | olas 30 to 34, bl.

" 35a | amatarasadhārāṭikā anāgatthavaṇsa phūk 2 | bra anāgatavaṇsa phūk 2 | olas 35b to 40, bl.

ola 53a(gha) 4 | samkhacakkavattipātubhāvakathā |

- " 56a(ghī) 2 | jambūdipasirivāṇṇanākathā |
- " 63b(gham) 2 | bodhisattuppattikathā | olas 65 to 69, bl.
- " 70a | amatarasa° ... phūk 3 | olas 70b to 74, bl.
- " 83a(nai) 5 | bodhisambhārakathā | olas 99 to 103, bl.
- " 104a | bra amatarasa° ... phūk 4 | olas 104 to 108, bl.
- " 120a(chah) 5 | cakkavattipātubhāvakathā |
- " 126b(jū) 3 | ketumatinagaravanṇanākathā | olas 133 to 137, bl.
- " 138a | bra amatarasa° ... phūk 5 | olas 138b to 142, bl.
- " 155b(ñia) 2 | bodhisattuppattikathā |
- " 159b(ñu) 1 | pāsādasampadādikathā |
- " 161b(ñie) 2 | mahābhinnikkhamanakathā |
- " 164ab(ñio) 1 | pabbajjākathā |
- " 165b(ñam) 5 | anupabbajjākathā | olas 167 to 171, bl.
- " 172a | amatarasa° ... phūk 6 | olas 172b to 177, bl.
- " 180a(tī) 1 | paramābhisaṁbodhikathā |
- " 181b(tī) 2 | dhammadacakappavattanakathā |
- " 183a(ñū) 1 | samīkharañō pabbajākathā |
- " 194b(t̄hu) 4 | parivārasampadādikathā |
- " 197b(t̄hē) 5 | mātusampadādikathā |
- " 198b(t̄hai) 3 | rūpakāyapamāṇakathā |
- " 199a(t̄ho) 3 | nayanasampadādikathā |
- " 200b(t̄hah) 1 | rasmisampadādikathā | olas 201 to 205, bl.
- " 206a | amatarasa° ... phūk 7 | olas 206b to 210, bl.

End., ola 225b(dhu): iccevaṁ sabbabuddhānam uppānānam gato param vuttappakāram sakkaram katvā niccaṁ manoramām kapparukkho vasattānam puretvā sabbapāramiṁ bodhipallaṅkamāruhya buddho hutvā anuttaro dhammadacakkapavattetvā suvisuddhaṁ gamo nudam tāreyyam pāñino sabbe sohaṁ saṁsārasātarā kusalena aneneva abyāpajjhā averino sattā asesāsukhino khemino hontu sabbadā gurūhi dinnanāmena buddhagħoso ti vissato kato therena therānam amatadānam buddhato caroti | iti upatissattherena thapitā amattarasadhārāvāṇṇanā nitthitā | ye ca buddhā atitā ca ye buddhā anāgatā paccappannā ye buddhā

ahaṁ vandāmi sabbadā ye ca dhammā pathavim bhinditvāruhi | olas 226b to 230,bl.

This ms. is mentioned in CPD 4.4.1,2.

230 olas, 7 phūk between 2 thick wooden boards of 20 mm, 560 × 55 mm, gilt edges with a middle band of vermillion, 2 cord-holes, 5 lines, 65 char.— Script. Mūl — Numb. letters Mūl — Fine.

No date — Rabardelle Coll.

BN PALI 322 Amatarasadhārātikā — Anāgatabuddhavāma-vaṇṇanā by Upatissa (CPD 4.4.1,2)

Ola 1a: amatarassadharātikā anāgatavañsa phūk 4 | olas 1b to 4, bl. *Beg.*, ola 5a(cū): sāvakasannipātakathā | ekam sāvakasannipātam dassetvā idāni tassa bhagavato parivārikādayo dassento satthā āha | koṭisatasahassāni chalabhiññāmahiddhikā ...

ola 10a(cam) 1 | parivārasampadādikathā | (agrees with BN PALI 862, t̄hu b line 3)

- ola 11b(cah) 5 | maggalaṁpadādikathā |
- " 14b(chi) 1 | rupakāyappumādikathā |
- " 18a(che) 1 | pūjavisesakathā |
- " 18b(he) 3 | parinibbānakathā |
- " 19b(chē) 2 | aniccatādiparidipanakathā |
- " 20a(chai) 4 | anusāsanikathā |

End., ola 225(cham): | pāsādaṁ | dvārapākāratoraṇagghika-bhūsitam | mālacakamapantihi latānam maṇḍapehi ca sabbadā pupphasafjannam pādapehi alakaṭalālayasahashehi suphullakamalehi ca madhurodakapuṇyehi ... (line 4): aṭṭadhammasamāhito byākato dhammarājena ayam buddho bhavissati | iccevaṁ sabbabuddhānam uppānānam gato param vuttappakāram sakkāram katvā niccaṁ manoramāma | kaparukkho vasattānam puretvā sabbapārami | bodhipallakam āruhya buddho hutvā anuttaro dhammadakkam pavattetvā suci suṭṭhatamonudam tāreyya pāñino sabbe sohaṁ saṁsārasātarā kusalena aneneva abyāpajjhā averino sattā asesā sukhino khemino hontu sabbadāti

| iti uppatissatterena racittā amatarasadhārānāgatabuddhava[m]savāññanā
niñhitā | olas 23b and 24, bl.

This phūk contains the end of the text. See phūk 2 under n° BN PALI 323. The colophon agrees with BN PALI 862 dhū a line 1 and EFEO 83 ola dhū b line 4.

24 olas between 2 modern wooden boards, 530 × 45 mm, gilt edges, 2 cord-holes, 5 lines, 70 char. — Script. Mūl — Numb. Mūl letters.

No date. [XVIIIth century.] — Missions Etrangères de Paris

BN PALI 323 Amatarasadhārātikā — Anāgatabuddhavamsa-vāññanā by Upatissa (CPD 4.4.1,2) fragment

[Lacking phūk 1]

Ola 1a: | amatarasadhārātikā anāgatavañsa phūk 2 | ola 1b, bl.

Beg., ola 2a(ga): kañcānam sahassam gahapati kañcānam sahassam sabbasamayanātathinam sahassanti catāri itthi sahassāni ānesi | tadā savassasahassāni rājakule vasitvā neva puttām naditaram labhimsu ...

ola 6b(gu) 4 | tasmīm kāle mañgalam niñhitam | (= BN PALI 862, ola chu a line 2)

ola 12b(gam) 2 | cakkavattipatubhāvukathā |

" 13b(gah) 5 | ketumatinagaravaññanā kathā |

" 14b(gha) 5 | jambudipavaññanā samattā |

" 23a(gho) 4 | pāśadādisampadādikathā |

" 24a(gham) 3 | mahābhisekkhamakathā |

End., ola 25b(ghah) 5 | tasmīm khane mahābrahmādibbamayam aṭṭhaparikkhāre gahetvā tam thānam sampāpuñissati | atha mahāsatto ratanamayam khaggena samolikesakalāpam chinditvā

olas 26 to 28, bl.

This ms. originally contained the part of text including 4 phūk. This one is phūk 2, lacking phūk 1 and 3; we find phūk 4 under BN PALI 322.

cf. BN PALI 630 and 862, cam b line 1 to ño b line 1. It begins with the last part of Cakkavattipatubhāvukathā and stops before Pabbajākathā.

28 olas between 2 modern wooden boards, 530 × 45 mm, gilt edges, 2 cord-holes, 5 lines, 70 char. — Script. Mūl — Numb. Mūl letters.

No date. [XVIIth century.] — Missions Etrangères de Paris.

BN PALI 862

1. Amatarasadhārāvāññanā — Anāgatavamsa by Upatissa (CPD4.4.1,2)

Ola 1a: amattarassadhārā phūk 1 | olas 1b to 2a, bl.

Beg., ola 2b(ka): namo tassa ... jinena ye ānitam | lokassa amatañ hitam | tassa pādambujam vandhe | brahmādevindavandhitam | dassitam munirājena | vandhe dhammadivākāram mohandakāram vindhamsi | veneyyambūjam bonañ | sobhitam sīlaramsihi vandhe samgham disākaram | pasādakamudam niccam | bodhena janamānase | natvā vatthutayañ evam yam puññam pasuttam mayā | tassa tejena hantvāna antarāye assesato | soham anāgatavamsam | vaññayissam mahesino ...

ola 18b(khu) 3 | nidānakathā |

" 24b(kham) 5 | gunekadesakathā | olas 26 to 29, bl.

" 30a | amattarassadhārā phūk 2 | olas 30b to 34, and 59 to 63, bl.

ola 64a " " 3 | olas 64b to 68, bl.

ola 84b(cī) 1 | ketumatiñatubhāvukathā | olas 93 to 96, bl.

" 97a | amattarassa° phūk 4 | ola 97b, bl.

" 109a(chah) 4 | ketumatinagaravaññanākathā |

olas 122 and 123, bl.

ola 124a | amattarassa° phūk 5 | ola 124b, bl.

" 137b(ñia) 2 | bodhisattuppattikathā |

" 141b(ñiu) 1 | pāśadasampadādikathā |

" 143b(ñe) 2 | mahābhinnikkhamanakathā |

" 146b(ño) 1 | pabbajākathā |

" 147b(ñam) 5 | anupabbajākathā | olas 149 to 150, bl.

" 151a: amattarassa° phūk 6 | ola 151b, bl.

" 154a(ti) 1 | paramābhībhīsambodhikathā |
 " 157a(tū) 1 | saṃkharāñō pabbajākathā |
 " 167b(t̄hi) 2 | dhammacakkappavattanakathā |
 " 168b(t̄hu) 3 | parivārasappadādikathā |
 " 170b(t̄he) 5 | mātusampadādikathā | olas 174 to 177, bl.
 " 178a, in ink: amattarassadhārā phūk 7 | olas 178b to 181, bl.
 (left part of the ola is worn out)
 ola 186b(du) 2 | rupakāyappamānādikathā |
 " 188b(de) 5 | pūjāvisesakathā |
 " 190b(dai) 3 | parinibbānakathā |
 " 192a(ḍam) 3 | aniccatāparidipanakathā |
End., ola 199b(dhu) = BN PALI 630; olas 201 to 203, bl.
 203 olas, 7 phūk, 545 × 45 mm, gilt edges with a middle band of
 vermillion, 2 cord-holes, 5 lines, 60 char. — Script. Mūl — Numb. Mūl letters.
 No date.

EFEO PALI 26 Amatarasadhārāvaṇṇanā by Upatissa (CPD 4.4.1,2)

Ola 1a, in the middle: | bra amattarassadhārā aṭṭhakathā
 anāgatavāmsa phūk 1; + jrieñ script | ka kha; olas 1b to 4a, bl.

Beg., ola 4b(ka): namo tassa ... | jinena yena ānitam lokassa
 amitam hitam tassa dambupājam vande brahmadevindavanditam |
 dassitam munirājena vande dhammam divākaram mohandakāram
 viddhamsi vandeyyambujam bodhanam | sobhitilarāmsihi vande
 samgham disākaram ...

ola 20a(khu) 3 | nidānakathā | olas 24 to 25, bl.

" 26a(khah) 5 | guṇekadesakathā | (Here this ms. follows the
 text of BN PALI 862 that omits 3 stories found in BN PALI 630)

ola 28a | bra amattarassadhārā | phūk 2 | olas 28b to 31, bl. olas
 56b to 61, bl.

ola 62a | bra amatarasadhārā phūk 3 | + jrieñ script; olas 62b to
 65, bl.

ola 74a(nai) 5 | bodhisambhārakathā |
 " 8la(cci) 4 | ketumatipātubhāvakathā | olas 90 to 93, bl.
 " 94a | bra amattarassadhārā aṭṭhakathā anāgatavām phūk 4 |
 olas 94b to 97, bl.
 ola 109a(chah) 1 | cakkavattipātubhāvakathā |
 " 113b(ju) 4 | ketumatinagaravaṇṇanākathā |
 " 120a(jam) 5 | samavaggakkhandho | olas 121 to 124, bl.
 " 125a | bra amattarassadhārā aṭṭhakathā anāgatavāmsā niṭṭhitā
 phūk 5 | jrieñ script in black ink faded; olas 125b to 128, bl.
 ola 141b(ñā) 2 | bodhisattuppattikathā |
 " 145b(ñu) 1 | pāśadasampadānādikathā |
 " 147b(ñe) 2 | mahābhinnikkhamanakathā |
 " 150b(ñō) 1 | pabbajakathā |
 " 151b(ñam) 4 | anupubbajākathā | olas 153 to 156, bl.
 " 157a | bra amattarassadhārā aṭṭhakathā anāgatavāmsā niṭṭhitā
 phūk 6 | olas 157b to 161, bl.
 ola 164a(ti) 1 | paramābhībhīsambodhikathā |
 " 165b(ti) 2 | dhammacakkappavattaaanakathā |
 " 166b(tu) 5 | saṃkharāñopabbajākathā |
 " 178b(t̄hu) 3 | parivārasampadādkathā |
 " 181b(t̄he) 5 | mātusampadānikathā | (Here this ms. follows
 the text of BN PALI 862 that omits 3 stories found in BN PALI 630)
 olas 185 to 190, bl.
 ola 196b(da) 2 | rupakāyampamānādikathā |
 " 202b(de) 1 | pūjāvisesakathā |
 " 204a(dai) 2 | parinibbānakathā |
End., ola 210b(dhī) 1: ... buddho hutvā anuttaro
 dhammacakkam pavattetvā suvisuddham tamonuddam tāreyya pāñino
 sabbe soham saṃsārasāgaro kusalena anekeva abyāpajjhā averino sattā
 asesāsukhino khe pi no hontu sabbadā garūhi dinnañ nāmena
 buddhagoso ti vissuto kato therana amatadānam buddhagocaroti | iti
 upatissattherathapitā amatarasadhārāvaṇṇana nitthitā | ye budā aham

vandāmi sabbadā | olas 211b to 216, bl.

216 olas, 7 phūk, 540 × 45 mm, gilt edges, 2 cord-holes, 5 lines, 70 char. — Script. Mūl — Numb. Mūl letters.

No date.

EFEO PALI 82 Amatarasadhārānāma — Anāgatabuddhavāṇṇanā by Upatissa (CPD 4.4.1,2 ?)

Ola 1a: | anāgatavaṇṇa phūk 1 | olas 1b to 9, bl.

Beg., ola 10a(ka): jinena yena aditam lokassa amataṁ hitam tassa pādambujjam vande brahmā devinda vanditam ... = BN PALI 630

ola 25b(khī) 3 | bodhisambhārakathā |

" 32a(kham) 1 | ketumatipātukabhāvakathā | olas 34 to 38, bl.

" 39a | anāgatavaṇṇa phūk 2 | olas 31b to 35, bl.

" 54a(ghe) 2 | ketumatinagaravaṇṇanākathā samattā |

" 55a(ghē) 5 | jambudipavaṇṇanākathā | olas 60 to 63, bl.

" 64a, au centre: | anāgatavaṇṇa phūk 3 | olas 64b to 65, bl.

" 69b(nī) 2 | bodhisattuppattikathā |

" 72b(ne) 3 | pāsādasampadādikathā |

" 76a(nām) 4 | pabbajjākathā |

" 80a(cī) 1 | sāvakāsannipātakathā |

" 87b(co) 1 | mātusampadādikathā |

" 90a(cha) 2 | rūpakāyappamāṇādikathā |

" 93b(chī) 3 | pūjāvisesakathā |

" 94b(chu) 1 | parinibbānakathā |

" 96a(che) 3 | anusāsanakathā |

End., ola 98b(chai) 4: dhammacakkam pavattetvā suvisuddham tamonuddham tāreyya pānino sabbasoham samsārasāgarā kusalena kadhā abyāpajjhā averino sattā asesa sukhino khemino honti sabbadāti | iti upatissatherena thapitā amatarasadhārānāma anāgatabuddhavaṇṇanā nitthitā | iminā lekkhattapuñena buddhapatthā

olas 99 to 100, bl.

100 olas, 580 × 48 mm, gilt edges, 2 cord-holes, 5 lines, 60 char. —

Script. Mūl — Numb. Mūl letters.

No date.

EFEO PALI 83 Amatarasadhārātikā — Anāgatavaṇṇa by Upatissa (CPD 4.4.1,2)

Ola 1a: amatarasadhārātikā anāgatavaṇṇa | phūk 1 | olas 1b to 6a, bl. Beg., ola 6b(ka) | namo tassa ... jinena yena ānitam lokassa amataṁ hitam tassa pādambujam vande brahmadevindavanditam | dassitam munirājena vande dhammadivakaram mohandakāram viddhaṁsi veneyyambajabodhanam | sobhitam sīlaraṁsīhi vande saṁghanisākaram pasādakamudam niccam bodhentaṁ janamānase | natvā vatthuttayam evam yam puñam pasutam mayā ...

ola 22b(khu) 3 | nidānakathā |

" 28b(kham) 5 | guṇekadesakathā |

" 35a | amatarasadhārātikā anāgatavaṇṇa phūk 2 | olas 35b to 39, bl. olas 64 to 68, bl. ola 69a: | amatarasadhārātikā anāgatavaṇṇa phūk 3 | olas 69b to 72, bl.

ola 82b(nām) 4 | bodhisambhārakathā |

" 89a(cū) 3 | ketumatipātubhāvakathā | olas 97 to 102, bl.

" 103a | amatarasa ... phūk 4 | olas 103 to 107, bl.

" 120a(ja) 2 | cakkavattipātubhāvakathā |

" 126b(je) 4 | ketumatinagaravaṇṇanākathā | olas 132 to 135, bl.

bla.

ola 136a | amatarasa ... phūk 5 | olas 136b to 140, bl.

" 154b(nā) 2 | bodhisattuppattikathā |

" 158b(nū) 3 | pāsādasampadādikathā |

" 160b(nē) 3 | mahābhinnikkhamanakathā |

" 163b(nām) 1 | pabbajākathā |

" 164b(nāh) 5 | anupabbajākathā | olas 165 to 169, bl.

" 170a | amatarasa ... phūl 6 | olas 170b to 174, bl.

" 178a(tī) 1 | paramābhīsambodhikathā |

" 179b(tū) 2 | dhammacakkappavattanakathā |

- " 181a(te) 2 | sam̄kharañō pabbajākathā |
- " 183b(tai) 1 | sāvakasannipātakathā |
- " 193a(t̄he) 2 | parivārasampadādikathā |
- " 196a(t̄ho) 5 | mātusampadādikathā | olas 199 to 203, bl.
- " 204a: amatarasa ... phūk 7 | olas 204b to 208, bl.
- " 209b(đa) 1 | rasmisampadakathā |
- " 218a(đo) 5 | parinibbānakathā |
- " 223a(đhi) 5 | anusāsanakathā |

End., ola 226a(đhū) 5 | iccevañ sabbabuddhānam uppānānam gatoparam ... = BN PALI 630; ola 226b(đhū) 4: ... iti upatissatherena thapitā | amatarasadhārāniñhitā | akkharām ekamekañica buddharūpām samām siyā tasmā paripañđito poso likkheyya piñkattayām | olas 227 to 231, bl.

231 olas, 560 × 50 mm, gilt edges, 2 cord-holes, 5 lines, 63 char. —
Script. Mūl — Numb. Mūl letters.

No date.

3. The manuscript of Samantabhadhātīkā

EFEO PALI 84 Samantabhadhātīkā — Anāgata-buddha-vāmsavaññanā (CPD 4.4.1,1 ?)

Ola 1a: samantabhadhātīkā anāgatavañsa phūk 1 | jrieñ script in black ink; olas 1b to 6a, bl. ola 6b, jrieñ.

Beg., ola 7a(ka) | namatthu | jinavāmsam vidūm buddham asamañeyya pāragum vanditvā amalam dhammam gañāñica guñalañkatañ namamāno varam puñam yam labhim ratanattayām tantejenanihatvā nānā vidham upaddavam | bahussuto kaviñāni yo mahābodhināmako thero silena sampanno tenāham abhiyācito | anāgatañica yam vañsam desesi munipuñgavo aggasāvakabhaddena pucchito pathamena so | atthabyañjanasampannam puñussāhakāram varam vañayissāmitam sāram tam nisāmethasādhavoti | tattha anāgatavañsoti kenathena anāgatavañso na agatoti anāgato natāvasampattoti attho | yasmim kāle so

metteyyo bhagavā uppajjissati so kālo idāni asampattabhāvena anāgatoti vuccati | vamso ti tanti paveñī paramparā anāgate bhavitabbo vañso anāgatavāmsa yathā ājañarathoti | anāgato ca vamso ca anāgatavāmsa | athavā | anāgate buddho anāgato yathā rattiti kiñ vuttam hoti ... olas 25 to 29, bl.

ola 30a | bra samantabhadhakā atthakathā anāgatavāmsa phūk 2 | On the righthand side in black ink jrieñ script; olas 30b to 34, bl.

ola 38a(gī) 5 | samattā nāti samāsabyāśavasenadipañkarabuddha vāmsakatthā |

- ola 38b(gī) 2 | konḍañabuddhavāmsakathā |
- " 39a(gu) 5 | sumañgala ...
- " 39b 3 | sumana ...
- " 5 | revata ...
- " 40a(gū) 2 | sobhita ...
- " 5 | anomadassī ...
- " 40b(gū) 2 | paduma ...
- " 4 | nāra ...
- " 41a(ge) 2 | padumuttarasambuddha ...
- " 2 | sujāta ...
- " 5 | piyadassi ...
- " 42a(gē) 3 | atthadassi ...
- " 5 | dhammadassi ...
- " 42b(gē) 2 | siddhañtha ...
- " 5 | tissa ...
- " 43a(gai) 2 | pussa ...
- " 5 | vipassi ...
- " 43b(gai) 5 | vessabhūbuddha ...
- " 44a(go) 2 | kukkusandasambuddha ...
- " 5 | konāgamana ...
- " 44b(go) 3 | kassapa ... olas 59 to 62, bl.
- " 63a | bra samantabhadhakā atthakathā anāgatavañsa phūk 3 | olas 63b to 67, bl. olas 92 to 96, bl. ola 97a: samanta° ... phūk 4 | in

black ink jrieñ script; olas 97 b to 100, bl. olas 112 to 129, bl. ola 130a, | bra samanta° ... phük 5; on right-hand side: ñāṇavijitra + jrieñ script; olas 130b to 133, bl. olas 158 to 163, bl. ola 164a: samanta° ... phük 6; on right-hand side in ink jrieñ script; olas 164b to 168, bl. olas 193 to 196, bl. ola 197a: bra samanta° ... phük 7; on right-hand side in ink jrieñ script; olas 197b to 202, bl.

End., ola 237a(ñam): ettāvatā ca anāgatassa vāṃsassa vaṇṇanāya manohara-atirekaṭṭhaamattāya bhāṇvārāya pāliyā samantabhaddhakā-nāma subhāsāratthadipaka antarāyam vinā esā sannithānamupāgatā kālavaṇīvihārenānārukhpasobhite kelāsakūṭakappehi pāsādehi alaṅkate silādiguṇasampannayati samghanisevite nānāsakuṇasamghuṭhe bodhicetiyabhūsite dvārakoṭṭhakapākāramālakehi tahiṁ tahiṁ nānāsopāṇapantihi samkiṇne rāmaṇeyyake kārite dhātūsenena raññalaṅkārasāminā tattha dakkhiṇabhāgami pāsāde culake mayā nivasantena tam katvā yam pattam kusalam bahū tena pappotu lokuttaram desitam amatam padam sanarāmaraloko yam khemaniccam dhuvaṁ sukham nānupaddavasamkiṇno loko yam anupaddavam gato yathā tathā diṭṭham saṅkappayantu pāṇinam pālentu bhūmiyā sabbe dhammena kasiṇam mahikālam ñatvā navassantu vassam vassavalāhakā tiṭṭhantu sammāsambuddhadesitam amatandadāyāvata santhitā lokam tiṭṭhati tāvatā ime ti | niṭṭhitā samantabhaddhakā nāma sāratthasucinitā anāgatabuddha-vāṃsavaṇṇanā | bhagavati dhammarāje parinibbutte ekuṇatiṁsadine ekamāse bāvisati vassasatasamvaccharādhike dvisahasse imam samantabhaddhakam nāma anāgatabuddhavaṇsavaṇṇanapakaraṇam likkhitomhi samato sasasamvacchare āsalhe sukkhapakkhe cuddhasamīti thīyam candavāre | buddho bhavissāmi anāgate | bra samantabhaddakā phük 7 | + jrieñ.

Olas 238 to 241, bl.

cf. Minayeff, *JPTS* 1886, pp. 37–39 text very similar to recension of the ms. described under III C; cf. also CPD 4.4.1,1 stating: Samantabhaddikā, Anāgatavamsa — aṭṭhakathā (Mahā–Upatissa) ?

241 olas, 548 × 52 mm, + 2 olas slightly longer than those inscribed in

black ink: 90 amatarasadhārātikā anāgatavamsa 7 phük + Siamese and: | pāli anāgatavamsasamkhepavithāra 1 | 3 phük ... aṭṭhakathā anāgatavamsa ... 7 phük + Siamese; gilt edges with a middle band of vermillion, 2 cord-holes, 5 lines, 70 char. — Script. Mūl — Numb. Mūl letters.

No date.

Strongly encouraged by Ven. Saddhātissa shortly before his death, I propose, with a team of Pāli philologists, to establish the critical edition of these Pāli texts following the Paris mss. here described and adding the mss. in Pāli kept in the British Library, Oriental Collections, London, Or. 12008 (8–9) that I could identify recently as *Anāgatavamsa* (olas 307b to 312a) and *Anāgatavamsavannanā-Samantabhaddikā* (olas 317b to 401a).

In this event other original documents of the *Anāgatavamsa* in Eju, Khmer, or Laotian could be sorted and studied in parallel by colleagues specialising in those languages:

1. There is a ms. in Eju at the Ethnographic Section of the Musée Historique in Bern (Switzerland), for which one may consult: C. Regamey, “Manuscrits sur feuilles de palmier”, *Jahrbuch des Bernischen Historischen Museums in Bern* XXVIII, Jahrgang 1948, p. 20 n° 47: *Sārasaddharmapadmākaraya*, which seems to be the Sinhalese paraphrase of the Pāli text *Dasabodhisatta-uddesa*.

2. Some Khmer versions of the texts of the *Anāgatavamsa* are also attested at the BN in Paris by the mss. KHMER 207, *Anāguttavuṇ* and KHMER 235, *Dassavuṇ*. Their descriptions are to be found in Au Chhieng, *Catalogue du fonds khmer*, Bibliothèque nationale, Paris 1953, pp. 172–73 and pp. 190–91 which gives the concordance of this ms. with the Pāli text established by F. Martini (*BEFEO* XXXVI, 1937).

3. There is a Laotian translation kept in its handwritten form in the

Gadelius Collection in the Royal Library of Copenhagen under the reference number LAOS 82 (*Dasa-Anāgata (buddha)vamsa*, the detailed notice of which can be found in G. Cœdès, *Catalogue des manuscrits en pāli, laotien et siamois provenant de la Thailande*, Copenhague 1966, pp. 97–98. This ms. dates from 1820.

There is a ms. of the *Anāgatavāṇsa* indicated at the Bibliothèque Royale of Luang Prabang by L. Finot in "Recherches sur la Littérature laotienne", BEFEO XVII, Hanoi 1917, p. 177 under the reference number R. 373, 8 bundles, which leads one to think that it contains a long commentary rather than the text itself which is short.

There are three Laoian mss. of the *Anāgatavāmsa* indicated by P.B. Lafont at Luang Prabang (Vat May and Vat Pakhe) in BEFEO LII, 2.

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