

Bio Data

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4. **Academic Qualifications:**
 - M.A. by Research (Kelaniya), Distinction
 - Dissertation: *Skandhila's Abhidharmāvatāra* (1979)
 - Ph.D. (Kelaniya)
 - Thesis: *The Chinese Version of the Dharmapada* (1990)
5. **Present Profession and Designation**
 - Glorious Sun (Endowed) Professorship in Buddhist Studies,
The University of Hong Kong.

 - Chairman of the Departmental Research Postgraduate Committee,
Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong.

 - Chairman, Master of Buddhist Studies Programme,
Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong.

 - Honorary Rector,
International Buddhist College, Hatyai, Thailand.

 - Adjunct Professor, University of Pune, India.

 - Visiting Professor, Fo Guang University, Taiwan.

 - Editor, *Journal of Buddhist Studies*. Published by the Centre for Buddhist
Studies, Sri Lanka.
6. **Research Publications**
 - 6.1 *The Chinese Dharmapada*. Publisher: Man Fatt Lam Temple (Singapore, 1990)
 - 6.2 *Bhikkhu Education in Sri Lanka* (Bilingual – English and Chinese).
Publisher: M.Y. Esperanto Publisher (Singapore, 1991)
 - 6.3 "Svārtha and parārtha: The Unity of Theravāda and Mahāyāna",
collected in *Anthology of Buddhist Studies*. Publisher: Fo Kwang Shan
Education Foundation (Kao Hsiung, 1991)
 - 6.4 *Recent Researches in Buddhist Studies: Essays In Honour of Professor Y.
Karunadasa* (ed.). Publisher: Professor Y. Karunadasa Felicitation
Committee (Colombo, 1997)
 - 6.5 "The *Mahāpadāna-suttanta* and the Buddha's Spiritual Lineage".
Published in *Sri Lanka Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. I, pp.187-196.
(Colombo, 1987)
 - 6.6 "The Category of *citta-viprayukta-saṃskāra* in the *Abhidharmāvatāra*".
Published in *Sri Lanka Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. II, pp.160-174
(Colombo, 1988)

- 6.7 “Bhikkhu Education in Sri Lanka”. Published in *Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Buddhist Studies*. (Taipei, 1989). pp.65-78. Publisher: Jing Jue Institute of Buddhist Studies, Taipei. (Chinese version of this lecture was published in *Modern Buddhism*, Beijing, 1991).
- 6.8 “The Chinese Version of the Dharmapada”. Published in *Ananda*, ed. Y. Karunadasa, pp.291-308. (Colombo, 1990).
- 6.9 “Two Complimentary Buddhist Ideals” – Sir Baron Jayatillaka Memorial Lecture. Published in *The Buddhist* (Colombo, 1991).
- 6.10 “The Westernization of Modern Asian Buddhism”. Published in *Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Buddhist Studies*, pp.93-105 (Taipei, 1991). Publisher: Jing Jue Institute of Buddhist Studies, Taipei.
- 6.11 “The Origin and Development of the Dharmapada”. Published in *Sri Lanka Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. IV, pp.49-68. (Colombo, 1994)
- 6.12 *The Chinese Version of the Dharmapada*. Publisher: Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (Colombo, 1995)
- 6.13 “The First Verse of the Chinese Dharmapada: A Sign-post of Sectarian Affiliation”. Published in *Sri Lanka Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. V, pp.1-14. (Colombo, 1996)
- 6.14 Review of Professor L.P.N. Perera’s *Sexuality in Ancient India*. Published in *Daily News*, October 19, 1996.
- 6.15 “A Bond that is At Once Strong and Lax?” Published in *Buddhist Studies* Vol. XXVI, pp.9-22. (Hamamatsu, 1997)
- 6.16 “The Abhidharma Controversy on Visual Perception”. Published in *Recent Researches in Buddhist Studies: Essays in Honour of Professor Y. Karunadasa*, pp.70-117. Ed. K. Dhammajoti *et. al.* (Colombo, 1997)
- 6.17 “The Defects in an Arhat’s Enlightenment: His *akliṣṭa-ajñāna* and *vāsanā*”, in *Buddhist Studies*, Vol. XXVII, pp.65-98 (Hamamatsu, 1998).
- 6.18 “The Vaibhāṣika Theory of Temporality” in *Āloka Udayādi*, Felicitation Vol. For Ven. Mahā Nāyaka Kosgoda Jinālaṅkāra (Randomba, 1999), pp.246-254.
- 6.19 *Entrance Into the Supreme Doctrine*, published by the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (Colombo, 1998)
- 6.20 *The Sarvāstivāda Doctrine of Simultaneous Causality*, published as a monograph by the Dept of Religious Studies, University of Calgary, Canada.
- 6.21 “*Sahabhū-hetu*, Causality and *Sarvāstivā*”, in *Ārcanā*, Professor MHF Jayasurya Felicitation Committee (Colombo, 2002).
- 6.22 “The Sarvāstivāda Conception of *Nirvāṇa*” in *Buddhist and Indian Studies in Honour of Professor Dr. Sodo Mori*. Published by Kokusai Bukkyoto Kyokai, pp.335-348 (Hamamatsu, 2002)
- 6.23 *Sarvāstivāda Abhidharma*. Published by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka (Colombo, 2002)
- 6.24 “The Karmic Role of the *avijñapti* of the Sarvāstivāda”. Published in *Buddhist Studies*, March 2003, pp. 69-90 (Hamamatsu, 2003)
- 6.25 *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. I, joint executive editor, published by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka (Colombo, 2003).
- 6.26 “The Sarvāstivāda Doctrine of Simultaneous Causality” (revised version), in *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. I, Editor-in-Chief, Y Karunadasa, pp.17-54 (Colombo, 2003)
- 6.27 *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. II, joint executive editor. Published by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka (Colombo, 2004).

- 6.28 “Logic in the *Abhidharma-mahāvibhāṣā*”, in *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. II, Editor-in-Chief, Y Karunadasa (Colombo, 2004)
- 6.29 *Abhidharma Doctrine and Controversy on Perception*. Published by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka (Colombo, 2004)
- 6.30 *Sarvāstivāda Abhidharma*, 2nd edition. Published by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka (Colombo, 2004)
- 6.31 *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. III, editor. Published by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka (Colombo, 2005).
- 6.32 *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. IV, editor. Published by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka (Colombo, 2006).
- 6.33 “Sarvāstivāda, Dārṣṭāntika, Sautrāntika and Yogācāra”, in *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. IV, pp.184-214 (Colombo, 2006)
- 6.34 “*Ākāra* and Direct Perception: Vaibhāṣika vs Sautrāntika”. Published in *Buddhist Studies* Vol. XXXV, pp.1–34. (Hamamatsu, March, 2007)
- 6.35 *Ākāra and Immediate Perception (pratyakṣa)*. Published in *Pacific World — Journal of Institute of Buddhist Studies*. Third Series, Number 9. Fall, 2007, 245–273. Institute of Buddhist Studies. Berkeley.
- 6.36 *Sarvāstivāda Abhidharma*. 3rd revised and enlarged edition. Published by the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong. (Hong Kong, August, 2007).
- 6.37 “The *citta-caitta* Doctrine of Śrīlāta”, in *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. V, pp.217-242 (Colombo, 2007)
- 6.38 *Abhidharma Doctrines and Controversies on Perception*. 3rd revised edition. Published by the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong. (Hong Kong, November, 2007).
- 6.39 “Studying the Buddha-dharma by means of the Buddha-dharma: A methodology with a spiritual dimension”. In: *Journal of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies*, Vol. 2 (Colombo, 2007), 21-30
- 6.40 *Entrance Into the Supreme Doctrine*. 2nd revised edition. Published by the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong. (Hong Kong, May, 2008).
- 6.41 *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. IV, editor. Published by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka (Colombo, 2007).
- 6.42 “The Sixteen-mode mindfulness of Breathing”. In *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. VI, pp.217-242 (Colombo, 2008)
- 6.43 “Introduction”, in *The First and Second Buddhist Councils*, pp. ix – xxvi. Published by the Cultural Department, Chi Lin Nunnery (Hong Kong, 2008).
- 6.44 “The *āveṇikī avidyā* in the Sarvāstivāda School”. Published in *The International Journal of Buddhist Studies* Number 10, pp.55–74 (Varanasi, 2009).
- 6.45 “The *aśubhā* Meditation in the Sarvāstivāda”. In: *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. V II, pp. 248–295/242 (Colombo, 2007)
- 6.46 “*Fa Ju Jing*, the Oldest Chinese Version of the *Dharmapada*: Some remarks on the Language and Sect-affiliation of its Original”. In: *Buddhist Studies* Vol. XXXVII, pp.1–38. (Hamamatsu, March, 2009)
- 6.47 “The Doctrine of the Six-stage mindfulness of Breathing”. In: KL Dhammajoti et Y Karuanadasa (ed.), *Buddhist and Pali Studies in Honour of Venerable Professor Kakkapalliye Anuruddha* (Hong Kong, 2009), pp. 639–650.

- 6.48 *Sarvāstivāda Abhidharma*. 4th revised and enlarged edition. Published by the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong. (Hong Kong, August, 2009). pp. 568+
- 6.49 “The *apramāna* Meditation in the Sarvāstivāda — With Special Reference to *Maitrī-bhāvanā*”. In: *Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Vol. V III, 2010, pp. 165–186. (Colombo, 2010)
- 6.50 “Śrīlāta’s *Anudhātu* Doctrine”. In: *Buddhist Studies* Vol. XXXIX, pp.19–77. (Hamamatsu, March, 2011)
- 6.51 “The Sect-affiliation of the *Arthaviniścaya-nibandhana*”. In: Lalji 'Sravak' (ed.), *Dharmapracicaya: Aspects of Buddhist Studies*, pp. 113–141., Prof. N.H. Samtani Felicitation Volume Publication Committee, (Varanasi, 2011)
- 6.52 “Summary and Discussion of the *Abhidharmakośabhāṣya*”. In: Gelong Lodro Sangpo, *Abhidharmakośabhāṣya of Vasubandhu. By Loius de La Vallee Poussin. Annotated Translation by Gelong Lodro Sangpo. With a new Introduction by KL Dhammajoti*, 1–68.. Motilal Banarsidass Publishers. (New Delhi, 2011)
- 6.53 “*Abhidharma (Sarvāstivāda)*”. In: Arvind Sharma (General Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*. To be published in 2012, by: Springer Publisher, Canada.
- 6.54 “*Abhidharma (northern)*. In: Nina P. Azari and Anne Runehov (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions*. To be published in 2012, by Springer Reference & Database Publishing. Heidelberg.

7. Professional Experience:

- 7.1 Appointed as a Grade II Senior Lecturer of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, on 1st February, 1982.
- 7.2 Promoted to the post of Grade I Senior Lecturer on 23rd August, 1990.
- 7.3 Promoted to the post of Associate Professor on 25th June, 1997.
- 7.4 Promoted to the post of Professor on 12th May, 2000.
- 7.5 Since 1992, Head of the Department of Buddhist Literary Sources, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies.
- 7.6 Executive Editor, *Journal of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies*.
- 7.7 Co-executive Editor, *Journal of the Buddhist Studies*, published by the Centre for Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka.
- 7.8 Visiting Lecturer, since 1992, of the Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya.
- 7.9 Visiting lecturer, dissertation/thesis supervisor and examiner, of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, since its inception. Currently engaged in the Distance Learning Programme (on the Internet) of the Than Shiang Buddhist Institute in Penang, an affiliated College of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka.
- 7.10 Appointed to the Numata Chair of Buddhist Thought (a fully fledged professorship) for the semester Jan 2000 to April 2000, by the University of Calgary, Canada, and delivered a series of lectures on abhidharma doctrines to the University's graduate and postgraduate students.
- 7.11 Appointed as Visiting Professor to the Than Hsiang International Buddhist College, Penang, on 01-01-2001.
- 7.12 Appointed as Visiting Professor to the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, on 02-01-2004.
- 7.13 Appointed as Vice Rector (Academic) (on voluntary basis) of the International Buddhist College, Thailand, on 03/2004 – 03/2008.
- 7.14 Appointed as member of the Management Committee of the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, on 09/2004 –.

- 7.15 Appointed as Chairman, Teaching and Research Advisory Committee of the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, 01/2005 to 06/2006.
- 7.16 Appointed as member, Board of Studies (Buddhist Studies) of the Faculty of Social Science, The University of Hong Kong, on 06/2005 –.
- 7.17 Appointed as professor, of the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, on 01-01-2005.
- 7.18 Appointed as Chairman, Departmental Research Postgraduate Committee of the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, 06/2006 –.
- 7.19 Appointed as Glorious Sun (endowed) Professor in Buddhist Studies, of The University of Hong Kong, on 01-07-2006.
- 7.20 Appointed as Visiting Professor to the Fo Guang University, Taiwan, 12/2001 –.
- 7.21 Appointed as Rector (on voluntary basis) of the International Buddhist College, Thailand, 01/03/2008 –31/03/2011.
- 7.22 Appointed as Chairman, Master of Buddhist Studies Programme, the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, 09/2009 –
- 7.23 Appointed as Honorary Rector, International Buddhist College, Thailand, 01/04/2011–.

8 Participation in international conferences/ seminars, and public lectures

- 8.1 “The Significance of Merit in Buddhism”. Public lecture delivered at the Leong Nam Buddhist Temple (Singapore, 1982).
- 8.2 “The Spiritual Significance of Buddhist Social Services as Rendered by a Modern Buddhist Monk” – Lecture delivered at an International Buddhist Conference held in Colombo, 1983. Organizers: International Buddhist Brotherhood, Japan, and the Sri Lanka Vidyalaya, Colombo.
- 8.3 “The Bhikkhu Education in Sri Lanka” – Lecture delivered at the International Conference on Buddhist Studies, 1989. Organizer: Jing Jue Institute of Buddhist Research, Taipei.
- 8.4 “The Arahant Ideal in the Pali Canon” (Chinese) – Lecture delivered at the Chinese Academy of Buddhist Studies, Beijing, 1990.
- 8.5 Three public lectures delivered at the Singapore Conference Hall, 1990. Organizer: Man Fatt Lam Temple, Singapore:
 - 8.5.1 “Human Existence, Religion, and Buddha-dharma” (Chinese).
 - 8.5.2 “The Buddhist Art of Loving”.
 - 8.5.3 “Spiritual Benefit for Oneself and Others: The Buddhist Perspective”.
- 8.6 “The Westernization of Modern Asian Buddhism” - Lecture delivered at the International Conference on Buddhist Studies, 1991. Organizer: Jing Jue Institute of Buddhist Research, Taipei.
- 8.7 “Two Complimentary Buddhist Ideals” – Sir Baron Jayatillaka Memorial Lecture, 1992, Colombo.
- 8.8 Participation in the panel of discussion at the International Seminar on the Buddhist *Vinaya* in the Modern Age, 1993. Organizer: Jing Jue Institute of Buddhist Research, Taipei.
- 8.9 Two public lectures delivered at the Singapore Conference Hall, 1995. Organizer: Singapore Buddhist Youth Mission, Singapore:
 - 8.9.1 “The Arhat and the Bodhisattva”.
 - 8.9.2 “Meditation and the Meditative Life”
- 8.10 “The Abhidharma Controversy on Visual Perception” – Professor K.N. Jayatilleke Memorial Lecture, Colombo, 1997.
- 8.11 “Mahāyāna and Theravāda: Their Essential Unity” – Lecture delivered at the Dharmavijaya Buddhist Foundation, Colombo, 1998.

- 8.12 Delivered 3 lectures in Hong Kong, at the Hong Kong University, Young Presidents' Organization, 1999:
- 8.12.1 "Human Existence, Religion, and Buddha-dharma".
 - 8.12.2 "The Buddhist Doctrine and Practice of Love (*mettā*)".
 - 8.12.3 "Spiritual Benefits for Oneself and Others (Chinese)"
- 8.13 Delivered the Numata Yehan Lecture on Buddhist Studies 2000, entitled "The Sarvāstivāda Doctrine of Simultaneous Causality", on 4th April, 2000, at the University of Calgary, Canada, to an audience of invited scholars within and outside the University.
- 8.14 Read a paper on "Towards a Deeper Understanding of the Dhamma", on July 6, 2001, at the International Buddhist Conference, organized by the Mahābodhi Society, Sri Lanka.
- 8.15 Read a paper entitled "The Nature of Karmic Retribution - The Sarvāstivāda Perspective" at the "Kelaniya-Dongguk Buddhist Studies Conference," organized by the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, on Jan 8, 2003
- 8.16 Read a paper entitled "*Ākāra* and Immediate Perception (*pratyakṣa*)", at the Symposium of Numata Chair-holders, organized by the University of Calgary, Canada, on May, 10, 2004
- 8.17 Read a paper entitled "*upadeśa* and Abhidharma", on 12-01-2005 in Colombo, at the International Symposium, organized by Centre For Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka.
- 8.18 Read a paper on "Studying the *Buddha-dharma* by means of the *Buddha-dharma*", at the 30th Anniversary of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, in November, 2005.
- 8.19 Delivered two invited lectures on the theme "Two Buddhist Theories of Knowledge" in March, 2006, at the University of British Columbia, Canada.
- 8.20 Read a paper entitled 勝受論師之心心所論, in an international conference entitled 漢系佛教研究, organized by International Buddhist College, Thailand, in August, 2006.
- 8.21 Delivered an invited public lecture on "*Fa Ju Jing*, the Oldest Chinese Version of the *Dharmapada*: some remarks on the language and sect affiliation of its original", at the International Symposium on Textual Studies: New Development in the studies on Chinese translations of Buddhist texts. Organized by the International College for Postgraduate Buddhist Studies, Tokyo, December, 2006.
- 8.22 Read a paper entitled "*Śrīlāta*'s Doctrine of the *anudhātu*", in an international conference jointly organized by Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong, and the Dongguk University, Korea, in December, 2007.
- 8.23 Delivered a public lecture on "Meditation practices in the Sarvāstivāda Tradition" in May, 2007, in a public lecture series on "Mediation practices in the various Buddhist Traditions", organized by the Centre of Buddhist Studies, The University of Hong Kong.
- 8.24 Delivered a lecture series on Abhidharma doctrines at the Fo Guang University, Taiwan, between December 2007 and January 2008.
- 8.25 Delivered a special lecture on "Abhidharma and Spiritual praxis" on 11/08/2008, at the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.
- 8.26 Read a paper on "The Doctrine of the Six-stage Mindfulness of Breathing" at the Third Bi-annual International Conference of SLABS, Sri Lanka, in December, 2008.
- 8.27 Delivered a lecture on "The 'new' and 'old' of the Buddhist Canon", at the Third International Buddhist Seminar, International Buddhist College, Thailand, in August, 2009.

- 8.28 Read a paper entitled “The Role of *Adhimokṣa* in Meditation: The Sarvāstivāda Tradition”, in August, 2010, at the International Conference on Buddhist Studies, held at the Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies, University of Mumbai, India.
- 8.29 Delivered an invited lecture on “Simultaneous Causality and Cognition in Buddhism”, on 01/11/2010, at the Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- 8.30 Invited by the Otani University, Japan, as a visiting scholar for the period 25/02/2011 to 05/03/2011, for the Research project “A Study of the Recently found Sanskrit Manuscript of the *Tattvārthā*, Sthiramati’s Commentary on the *Abhidharmakośabhāṣya*”, sponsored by the Grant-in-aid for Scientific Research, for the year 2010 (Scientific Research), Japan. I also delivered a lecture there on “Śrīlāta’s *Anudhātu* Doctrine — with Special Reference to his distinction on the *vipāka* and *vipākaja*”.
- 8.31 Delivered a lecture on “Sanskrit manuscripts of Abhidharma texts”, at the Buddhist manuscript seminar, conducted by the Chinese Academy of Tibetology, Beijing, in June, 2011.
- 8.32 Delivered the Convocation Address in August, 2011, on “The Application of Buddhist Teachings”, at the 4th Convocation of the International Buddhist College, Thailand.
- 8.33 Read a paper entitled “Samghabhadra, a great Kaśmīrian master: Some examples of his articulation of the Vaibhāṣika doctrines” on 5 Sept, 2011, at the International Conference on “Buddhism in Kashmir”, held at Leh, Ladakh, organized by the ICCR, India.