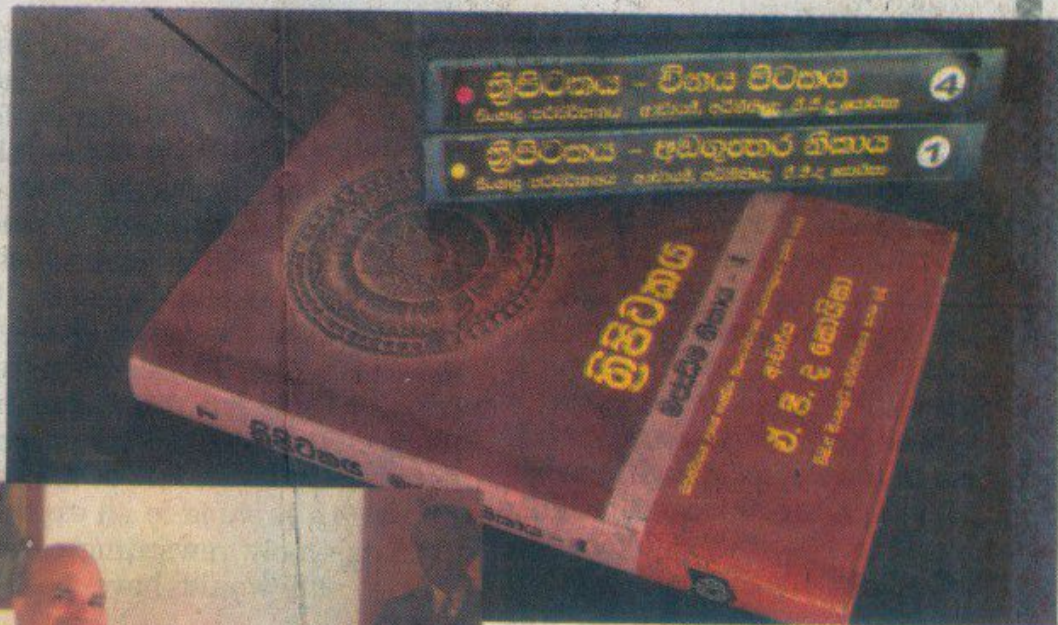


First Edition Set of Sinhala Translation of the Tripitaka added to the Pathfinder Collection

The 43 volume set of the Tripitaka translated into easily understandable Sinhala by Buddhist scholar, public intellectual and State Council Member, Dr. A.P. de Zoysa (1890-1968) was recently added to the MMBL-Pathfinder Collection. This first edition set, printed at de Zoysa's Dharmasamaya Press, was gifted by his daughter, eminent academic Dr. Kumari Jayawardena to the Founder of MMBL-Pathfinder Milinda Moragoda.

Dr. de Zoysa embarked upon this venture in 1952 at the age of 60, working seven days a week and twelve hours a day for nearly 20 years. In 1968, Dr. de Zoysa completed this monumental and important project, but only at the expense of his health. After ailing for several months, he was hospitalized shortly after the final volume containing the Majhima Nikaya summary was completed and in press. He passed away that same year. This important set will form



Dr. Kumari Jayawardena presenting her father, Dr. A.P. de Zoysa's first edition set of the Tripitaka translation to Milinda Moragoda, Founder of MMBL-Pathfinder. Above on the wall is a portrait of Dr. A.P. de Zoysa. De Zoysa's translation into Sinhala was printed by him at his Dharmasamaya Press.

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which includes an ola leaf copy of a section of the 13th century Buddhist work, the Butsarana by Sahithya Chakrawarthi.