

Preface

Out of over four thousand ancient religious edifices such as stupas, cave-temples, ordination halls and congregational buildings in the Bagan architectural site, three pagodas with the *nagayon'* motif can be seen. These are-

- (1) Nagayon pagoda (# 1192) *circa* 11 AD located east of the Apeyadana pagoda in the area south of Myingaba village.
- (2) The Nagayon pagoda with a circular plinth (#1300) *circa* 11 AD located south east of Myingaba village.
- (3) The southern one (# 40) *circa* 15 AD out of the two pagodas on the bank of the Ayeyarwady river located northeast of the Shwezigon stupa.

Of these three, the one mentioned as serial number (1) in the above list, the Nagayon Pagoda (#1192) will be the subject of this presentation.