

EXHORTATION

VENERABLE MAHASI SAYADAW

FOREWORD TO FIRST EDITION

Mahāsi Sayādawgyi delivered relevant and useful Exhortations at the Annual Exhortations and Puja Ceremonies, every years held around full moon of Nattaw months (December/ January), and also at the Annual meeting of the Buddha Sāsana Nuggaha Organization.

These Exhortations were usually published in the Annual Report of the Buddha Sāsana Nuggaha Organization.

The first Exhortation in this edition was delivered at the 23rd Annual ceremony held on 24th December 1972 and the second one at the 27th Annual meeting of the Buddha Sāsana Nuggaha Organization held in 1975/1976.

The first dealt with the instructions given to the meditation instructors and senior administrators of the meditation centres, and the second dealt with the instructions for the members and leaders of the Buddha Sāsana Nuggaha Organization to follow six virtues of a leader and four factors of the Sangha Dhamma.

These two Exhortations are important guidelines for Buddha Sāsana Nuggaha Organization and meditation centres. The first Exhortation was first published in Myanmar in 1973.

The first Exhortation was then translated into English by Ven.Sunada and the second by Daw Mya Tin. The second Exhortation in English appeared in Mahāsī Golden Jubilee Historical Record Book published in (probably) 1997/1998 in honour of the Golden Jubilee of the Buddha Sāsana Nuggaha Organization, which fell on 13rd November 1997.

These two Exhortations translated into English had not been published by Buddha Sāsana Nuggaha Organization. However, Bikkhu Pesala edited the book and published as a New Edition in August 2013.

We are pleased to publish this edition together with a short biography of Mahāsī Sayādawgyi.

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