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Nalanda College,
Biharshariff (Patna) 1.9.1950.

My dear Dr. Roerich,

Namo Buddhaya! This is to introduce to you Shree Bhaskarnath Misra, the learned curator of the archaeological Museum at Nalanda. He is writing a thesis on 'Nalanda and its neighbourhood', for which he is in need of all informations connected with from Tibetan sources.

This will be very kind of you if you can take the trouble of supplying him with necessary informations and ~~affordin~~ affording him your valued guidance in his research, which, ofcourse, he will acknowledge with full gratefulness in his book.

I have left the Benares Hindu University and have come over to this sacred land of Magadh with the mission of organising an international centre for Buddhist studies and practices at NALANDA or Rajagaha. The provincial government of Bihar is willing to assist for the regeneration of these ancient places.

With my best wishes to you.

Yours in the Dhamma,

Bhikkhu J. Kashyap
(Bhikkhu J. Kashyap)

Patna, Bihar
Biharshariff (Patna)
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Wahanda College,
Chandraloka (Darjiling) 1.2.1950.

My dear Sir, Roerich,

Wahanda College! This is to introduce to you

three books which I have, the learned curator of the Archaeological
Museum at Wahanda. He is writing a thesis on Wahanda and
the neighbourhood, for which he is in need of all information
connected with the local sources.

This will be very kind of you if you can take the

trouble of supplying him with necessary information and
allowing him your valued evidence in his research, which,
of course, he will acknowledge with full pleasure in his
book.

I have felt the honor from University and have

come over to this sacred land of Assam with the vision of

organizing an international center for Buddhist studies and

research. The provincial government of

Assam is willing to assist for the reconstruction of these ancient

places.

With my best regards to you,

Yours in the future,

(Signature)

Dr. Roerich,
Chandraloka,
KALIMPONG
(Darjiling)

Nalanda the 7th September, 1950.

To
The Dr. Roerich,
Chanraloka,
Kalimpong
(Darjiling).

Dear Sir,

You may be pleased to know that I am now-a-days engaged on writing a research-monograph on 'Nalanda and its neighbourhood' which includes in addition to Nalanda, Rajgriha, Odantapuri, Pava and Puri and such other ancient cities and sites as may safely come under the estimated compass.

I, therefore, earnestly and humbly request you kindly to guide me in my attempt by providing me with your kind suggestions and valuable informations in view of the following points:-

(A) Nalanda:-

(I) Earliest reference to the position of Nalanda in pre-Gupta ~~Gupta~~, Gupta, and post-Gupta ages.

(II) Nalanda, a great Buddhist Mahavihara of international character.

(III) Relations of Nalanda with contemporary Educational Institutions.

(IV) Brahmanism, Jainism and other religions at Nalanda and their influence on Buddhism.

(V) Causes of the fall.

(B) Odantapuri :-

(I) Earliest references and relations with Nalanda, Rajagriha Pava and Puris

(II) Causes of Rise and fall.

(C) Rajagriha :-

(I) Earliest references and relations with Nalanda and its neighbouring places.

(II) Rajagriha - a centre of Brahmanism, Jainism and Buddhism

(D) Details regarding other places like Pava and Puri as centres of Brahmanism, Jainism or Buddhism, near Nalanda.

Yours obedient disciple,

P. S. Misra
7/9/50.

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Nalanda Pali Institute,
Rajgir (Patna) 7.11.51.

My dear sir,

I am glad to inform you that the State Government of Bihar has sanctioned the establishment of this Institute at Nalanda for post-graduate studies and research in Pali & Buddhism; and that the President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, is coming to lay the foundation-stone of the Institute at Nalanda on the 20th instant at 9 a.m.

I offer you my most cordial invitation to attend the function. The Maharajakumar of Sikkim and a high official of the Tibetan Government are coming to participate in the function. Please come a day or two earlier ~~to~~ direct to Rajgir and stay with us, take bath in the hot spring, and next morning drive to Nalanda early morning. We have appointed Lama Riczin Lhundup as the professor of Tibetan.

In case it be not possible for you to come, please send me a 'message of your's that may be read on the occasion. Kindly treat it as very urgent.

Yours
Bhikkhu J. Kashyap

URGENT

Asia has known a Buddhist millennium. We are witnessing the reestablishment of closer cultural ties between India and the countries of Central and Eastern Asia, but in doing so, ancient ties should not be forgotten, and wherever possible reinforced by a new understanding. In this scholars have a vital task to perform. It is Buddhism that carried Bhārata's religious and cultural message, encompassing the greater part of Asia. An immense field of research awaits the scholar. Let us hope that students belonging to various Buddhist schools will flock to the Nālandā Institute, thus reviving an ancient tradition observed in the Buddhist centres of learning - Nālandā, Vikramashīla and Otantapurī. Please accept my sincere felicitations on the occasion of the ceremony of the laying of the corner-stone of the Institute, and allow me to express the hope that your Institute will serve to remind the World of the glory Nālandā once was.