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Dear Friend,

We are pleased to announce that Vipassana Research Publications of America (VRPA) is now open and operating. VRPA is a commercial enterprise whose purpose is to import and distribute the publications of the Vipassana Research Institute (VRI) of Igatpuri, India, and to publicize and generally further the work of VRI outside of Asia.

To that end, we are importing the Pāli *Tipiṭaka* from VRI. The sets that are now available are: *Dīgha-nikāya* (11 volumes), *Majjhima-nikāya* (11 volumes), and *Samyutta-nikāya* (12 volumes). *Aṅguttara-nikāya* (12 volumes) has been printed in India and will be in our next shipment. *Khuddaka-nikāya* will be printed in four sets of approximately eleven books each. The first set is at the printer and the rest are in the editing and formatting stage.

These books are in Devanāgarī script in Pāli; therefore it may be more accurate to list the available volumes as: दीघनिकाय, मज्झिमनिकाय and संयुत्तनिकाय. If you know of any scholars who read Devanāgarī or of any Indians who might be interested in the VRI *Tipiṭaka* in Devanāgarī, please give them our address, or let us know and we will send them information.

Here at VRPA we are continuing the work that has begun in India to convert the Devanāgarī computer files into Roman Pāli. The intention of VRI is to print all the sub-commentaries (*ṭīkā*) of the *Chaṭṭha Saṅgāyana* (Sixth Council) edition that have never been printed by the Pali Text Society. The first two of these books have now been printed and we will offer them for sale in the near future. They are the *Sīlakkhandavagga-abhinavaṭṭīkā* in two volumes.

As a way of publicizing VRI's important work of Pāli text publication we will be posting some samples of Pāli on the internet. We will begin with the Dhammapada in Roman Pāli, so look for us soon at <http://www.vrpa.com>.

In addition to the *Tipiṭaka* books, we are also importing all of the English titles that VRI publishes. We intend to distribute them to bookstores anywhere English books are sold. By putting more books about Vipassana and Goenkaji on the shelves of bookstores we hope to create a greater general awareness in the public about this wonderful living tradition of meditation.

Pariyatti Book Service will continue to offer all these titles for retail sale, as it has

for years. Our focus will be to wholesale VRI's books to booksellers. You can help by sending us the name and address of your favorite local bookstore. We will then send them a packet of information about the books we have available. We are also happy to hear from any booksellers directly at the address and phone above.

We thank you in advance for your interest and help. Please let us know if there is any way in which we might serve you.

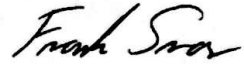
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