

Maligawila Raja Maha Viharaya

Maligawila Raja Maha Viharaya is a place of high of historical value in the Moneragala District of the Uva Province. The historic place is found about 8km south of Kumbukana Janction on the Buttala – Moneragala road. Books state that this Buddha statue was created by King Aggabodhi between years 667-683 AD. The Maligawila Buddha Statue is considered to be the largest stylized Buddha Statue among the oldest Buddha Statue in Sri Lanka. The statue is made of quartz limestone and stands about 38 feet high. There is also a standing statue of Maligawila which made the place famous as well as Boddhisattva statue a short distance away. This statue is said to belong to the Abhayagiri tradition. Maligawila Raja Maha Viharaya is one of the most revered place of worship in the Moneragala District. The hidden technology and engineering of the ancient people are well illustrated in this design. The Maligawila statue is one of the most important historical sites in the Moneragala District due to its advance technology.

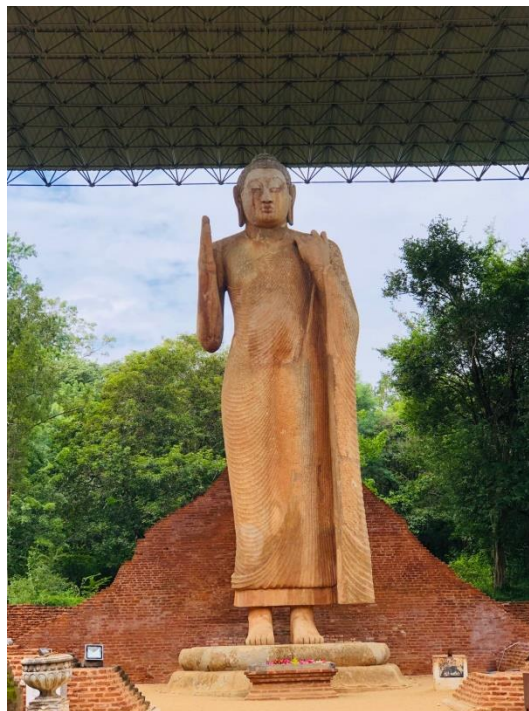


Figure 01:- Maligawila Buddha Statue



Figure 02:- Maligawila Boddhisattva Statue