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THE PAGODA'S ICONOGRAPHY (IX) LOGOS AND OTHER ENSCRPTIONS AT THE PAGODA

You will also note at the southern and northern sides of the Pagoda writing in Sanskrit and English at the height of the first level tier. The English writing says 1986 NEPAL PEACE PAGODA 1988. This refers to the start and conclusion of construction of the Pagoda, and its official name.

The Sanskrit writing (southern side) says exactly the same – in Sanskrit – and in the Indian Hindu Calendar, the Vikrama Samvat. The Vikrama Samvat celebrates the victory of Indian King Maddatireya in 57 B.C. over maurading invaders from the Western people, the Shakas. Known as a wise and virtuous leader, the Vikrama Samvat remembers this important victory. Add 57 years to the 1988 Anno Domini Calendar and the result is the figure on the right hand side of this side of the Pagoda, 2045.

You will also notice the logo of The Association to Preserve Asian Culture, and their name, at the Pagoda's rear left first tier level, and at the Peace Bell, as well as the familiar peering eyes of Swayambhunath Temple of Kathmandu, at the Pagoda's rear right first tier level. Swayambhunath Temple, also known as 'Monkey Temple' because of the monkeys that occupy and rove about the temple, is well known for its some 70-metre high tower, adorned with prayer flags, and, at the top, a set of peering eyes, in each compass direction, representing that the eyes the of Buddha are always watching.