You may remember the story of how the Buddha’s Footprint on the 'Mountain of the Butterflies' was discovered by following the trail of the butterflies that flew there in thousands. This story spread across the Buddhist world in no time.
Pilgrims from different countries came to our country to worship this Footprint.
The Chinese Buddhist pilgrim-monk, *Fa Hsien*, who visited this country in the fourth century A.D. went first to Abhayagiri Vihara in Anuradhapura. He came to our country in search of two rare books that were not found even in China.
Having spent two years at the Abhayagiri library copying the two manuscripts, he did not forget to ascend the ‘Mountain of the Butterflies’ to pay homage to the Buddha’s Footprint.