

15. Đồng Dương Pedestal (2)

Đồng Dương, Quảng Nam.

9th century

Sandstone pedestal:

H. 76 cm; W. 449cm; D. 389 cm

Sandstone dais: H. 70 cm;

W. 222 cm; D. 124 cm

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Fig. 1 Decorative pattern on the pedestal.



Fig. 2 The stylized motif of personages.

The pedestal currently displayed in the museum was re-assembled with the inclusion two groups of blocks found in a collapsed, pillared structure in enclosure III of the Đồng Dương monument. Parmentier realized that the pedestal must have been the seat of the large damaged Buddha with pendant legs when its feet were found jammed under a large, fallen block of the higher table of the pedestal. The torso of the colossal Buddha was found in the central temple of enclosure I, some 60 metres from the pedestal base (*BEFEO* 1903, p 84).

The pedestal is composed of a large platform (449 cm x 389 cm x 76 cm) and a smaller dais (222 x 124 x 70 cm) raised onto it. Both the platform and the dais are decorated with a consistent pattern with double panels of narratives, alternating with recessed panels of lions rearing up on their long hind legs. All panels are framed by the friezes of flora with a vermiculated motif (Fig. 1). People set into the panels over three tiers in donor or venerator postures have stylized hair-dos with a double diadem decorated with spear-shaped rosettes. (Fig. 2)