

Ven. K. Dhammasāmi's biography

Venerable Khammai Dhammasāmi was born on the 22nd of November of 1964 in the city of Laikha, Shan State of the Union of Myanmar (Burma). He became a novice in his early teens at the Sri Mangalar Monastery, a branch of the Mahasi Meditation Center in Laikha. He received his higher ordination (upasampadā) as a Bhikkhu in 1984 under the preceptorship of Taung Lay Lone Sayadaw Venerable Nāgasenābhivamsa with the support of Daw Yee family from Mawlamyine (Moulmein), Mon State.

The Venerable has pursued his education at various Institutions in different countries and he has been awarded with numerous degrees: Dhammācariya (1985) in Myanmar, MA (1992) in Sri Lanka, and DPhil (2004) in England.

Venerable Dhammasāmi has been teaching and conducting Buddhist meditation in Asian countries such as Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore, India, Sri Lanka, South Korea and in European countries such as Spain, Hungary, Serbia, UK and USA.

He has been conferred national-level religious titles by the government of Myanmar, such as "Agga-mahā-saddhamma-jotikadhaja" for outstanding missionary work, "Agga-mahā-ganthavācaka-paṇḍita" for his excellence in teaching and "Dhammakathika-bahujanahitadhara" for delivering the dhamma to benefit the many.

He is the founder and rector of Shan State Buddhist University (SSBU), which is the first Buddhist university in Shan State of Myanmar. He is also the secretary of the International Association of Buddhist Universities, the International Association of Theravāda Buddhist Universities (IATBU) and Association of Myanmar Buddhist Universities, Colleges and Academies (AMBUCA).