

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF VEN. ASHIN KUSALA

- (1) **Name:** Ven Ashin Kusala
- (2) **Age:** 39years
- (3) **Vassa (Seniority):** 19 years
- (4) **Religious Registration #** 14/Pha Pa Na(tha)000683
- (5) **Address:** Myanmar Buddhist Meditation Society, 9711 Old Court Road, Windsor Mill, MD 21244
- (6) **Date of Birth:** Monday, 5th Waxing day of Pyartha, 1331 (Burmese Era), **(January 12, 1970)**
- (7) **Place of Birth:** Apyaung Village, Pyapon Township, Ayeyarwady Division, Myanmar.
- (8) **Father's Name:** U Nyunt Maung
- (9) **Mother's Name:** Daw Than
- (10) **Noviciation:** At the age of 12 years, I became a novice on the 15th Waxing day of Dagu, 1343 (Burmese Era), **(April 17, 1982)**, under the preceptorship of Sayadaw Ven. Ashin Pannavamsa, the Abbot of Mangalar Thasi Monastery, Pyapon, with my parents as the supporters of the four requisites of a novice.
- (11) **Higher Ordination:** I was ordained on the 1st Waning day of Dagu, 1351 (Burmese Era), **(April 21, 1989)**, under the preceptorship of Sayadaw Ven. Ashin Suriya, the Abbot of Taik Thit Monastery, Pyapon, with Daw Myint and her family in Pyapon as the supporters of the four requisites of an ordained **Buddhist monk**.
- (12) **Places of Study:** I studied at the following academic religious institutions:
 1985-88: Pajjotarama Pali University in Myaungmya
 1988-92: Taik Thit Monastery in Pyapon
 1992-93: Kyakhat Waing Monastery in Bago and
 2000-2004: Mahasi Training School for Foreign Buddhist Missions at the Mahasi Meditation Center in Yangon, Myanmar where I trained and practiced the Vipassana insight meditation techniques.
- (13) **Qualifications:** I passed the examinations of:
 (a) **Sāsanadhaja Dhammācariya** (Teachership in Buddhism equivalent to Master Degree) in 1993 and
 (b) **Sāsanadhaja Siripavara Dhammācariya** (Teachership in Buddhism equivalent to Higher Master Degree) in 1998.
- (14) **Religious Work:** After graduating with the above degrees, I performed the following religious work in Myanmar:-
 1993-2000: I taught Buddhist scriptures to young monks, novices, lay monastery students, and young Buddhists at Taik Thit monastery in Pyapon, Myanmar.
 2000-2004: I rendered my services to the Mahasi Meditation Center as an active member of the Mahasi Sangha Committee. I supervised and trained both foreign and local meditators as a preacher as well as a meditation master at the Mahasi Meditation Center in Yangon, Myanmar .

2005-2006: I was also a teacher at the Pajjotarama Pali University in Myaungmya,.

The following are my religious work and activities in countries outside Myanmar:

(2006-2007) I performed religious teaching activities at Tisarana Vihara, 357 Nelson Road, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW2 7AG in the United Kingdom.

(2007-2009) Currently, I am sharing my knowledge and experience of Vipassana insight meditation techniques to the Buddhist Community in the Baltimore- Washington- Virginia area at the Myanmar-Buddhist Meditation Society located at 9711 Old Court Road, Windsor Mill, MD 21244.

REMARKS

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