



**Venerable Phra Anil Sakya, PhD,  
Phra Brahmashakyavamshavisuddhi**

**Venerable Phra Anil Sakya, PhD**, also known by his royal ecclesiastical title *Phra Brahmashakyavamshavisuddhi*, is a highly respected Buddhist monk and scholar with deep ties to both Nepal and Thailand. Born into the Buddha's Sakya family in Nepal, he began his monastic journey at the age of 14. His early ordination as a novice monk led him to Thailand in 1975, where he studied under the Late His Royal

Holiness Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara, the 19th Supreme Patriarch of Thailand. Since then, he has devoted his life to the Thai Sangha and Buddhist education.

Venerable Phra Anil holds an MPhil from the University of Cambridge and a PhD in Social Anthropology from Brunel University London, supported by a royal scholarship graciously granted by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand. His distinguished academic career includes leadership roles such as Vice-President of Mahamakut Buddhist University and Rector of the World Buddhist University. He has also served as a visiting professor at esteemed institutions including Santa Clara University (USA) and the University of Oxford (UK).

In addition to his academic work, Venerable Phra Anil has held numerous leadership roles in Buddhist and international communities. He has served as an advisor to Thai government officials, addressed business and civil society leaders, and contributed to discussions on global issues at United Nations platforms. His international engagement reflects his ongoing commitment to sharing Buddhist values across cultures and disciplines.

He currently serves as the **Assistant Abbot of Wat Bovoranives Vihara**, a royal monastery in Bangkok of great significance to the Thai monarchy, where kings and crown princes traditionally receive monastic training. Furthermore, he serves as **Advisor to the Regional Sangha Governor of Region 6-7 (Dhammayut Lineage)**, continuing to contribute his wisdom and guidance in Thai monastic administration.

Venerable Phra Anil is known not only for his scholarly accomplishments but also for his dedication to promoting well-being, happiness, and ethical governance. His notable participation in high-level global forums—such as the United Nations' High-Level Meeting on "Happiness and Well-Being"—exemplifies his commitment to integrating Buddhist principles into contemporary global challenges. His work continues to inspire both academic circles and broader society worldwide.