

Bhante Ariya Dassana

Theravada – Myanmar

Bhikkhu Ariya Dassana received his first Buddhist education when he enrolled into the Mahindarama Sunday Pali School in 1972. He went on to serve as Honorary Librarian and honorary Auditor.

He moved to KL in 1981 and is a regular devotee in Buddhist MahaVihara temple in Brickfields. He participated in the novitiate program for the first time in 1999 in conjunction with the late Chief Reverend Dr K Sri Dhammananda 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. For the next 3 years, he was a regular attendee at the late Chief's Sutta Study classes.

He Headed the Theravada Section at Cempaka Buddhist Lodge in PJ and started the English Sunday Dhamma School, meditation and sutta study classes there. He also served as the vice president from 2004 to 2006. He has also organized meditation retreats with Ajahn Brahm and Ven Pa Auk Sayadaw.

He was featured on RTM2, Living Healthy on meditation and is a committee member of Bodhi Park, Shah Alam.

Bhante was ordained at Pa Auk Tawya, Yangon, Myanmar in 2012.