

Ms. Kanjana Suthikul

Ms. Kanjana Suthikul was born in 1971 in Krabi, in southern province of Thailand. She is the youngest in a family of 9 children. When she was 9 years old she sensed peacefulness every time she heard of stories of the Buddha. She was deeply influenced by her father who was a school master.

She got a B.Sc. from Mahidol University and a M.Sc. from Chiangmai University. She proceeded to Taiwan where she received a scholarship and finished her Ph.D. in Plant Science.

For a few years after returning to Thailand she released Plant, a monthly magazine on plant science. Later she met Ven.Dhammananda and came to stay as member of the temple in 2013.

She received a 9-day temporary ordination as asamaneri 3 times, which allows her to be familiar with monastic lifestyle and able to provide proper guidance for those who seek ordination.

Ppart from taking care of Ven. Dhammananda, she is the president of the Buddhasavika Foundation, the legal body of the temple. She updates the "Thai bhikkhunis" page on Facebook and organises the bi-weekly dialogue in Thai (available also on Youtube) to bring about knowledge on bhikkhunis for the public. She is interested in the bhikkhuni issue particularly from legal standpoint in Thailand. Presently she offers support to bhikkhunis in other aramas to form a legal foundation to support the bhikkhuni arama. With her academic background, she is able to adjust the Buddhist content and make information on the bhikkhuni issues more readily accessible for the public.

She also handles Ven. Dhammananda's live Dhamma talks every Sunday.

She is very keen to see the stability of bhikkhuni sangha now that it has been established.