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About the speaker

Venerable Dr. Phra Anil Sakya, acting Rector of the World Buddhist University, was born in Nepal in the Buddha’s clan of ‘Sakya.’ He was ordained as a Buddhist novice (Samanera) at the age of 14 in Nepal and got a higher ordination as a Bhikkhu in Thailand under the preceptorship of His Holiness Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara, the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand (1980). He studied at Mahamakut Buddhist University, Bangkok, and later was awarded a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology at Brunel University, UK (2000). He has written, presented and published numerous books, articles and conference papers both on the fields of Buddhism and Anthropology. He has been widely participating in several international Buddhist, Inter-religious and Anthropologist conferences and has also been playing a key role in organizing many international Buddhist conferences and international events. Currently, he is residing at the royal monastery of Wat Bovoranives Vihara in Bangkok and working in various capacities, including as a visiting professor in several Thai and foreign universities.