

Ven. Pusselle Wineetha Thero

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Biography

Ven. Pusselle Wineetha Thero was born on 8th May 1988 in Kurunegala. He completed his primary education at Vidyodaya Pirivena in Maligakanda, Colombo. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in English with First Class Honors and a Master of Education in TESL. He is currently reading for his second Master's degree in Linguistics at the University of Kelaniya.

Ven. P. Wineetha serves as a Temporary Lecturer in English at the Department of Languages, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, and previously served as a lecturer at NIIBS, Kelaniya. He is the Chief Resident Monk at Ti-Ratana Lumbini Garden and the Principal of Ti-Ratana Lumbini Garden Sunday Dhamma School in Malaysia. He is also designated as a permanent resident monk of the Buddhist Maha Vihara in Malaysia, which internationally propagates Buddhism in English. Internationally known as Bhante Wineetha, he has achieved significant academic milestones in both English and Buddhist studies. His professional and personal interests include writing poetry (as a member of the Poetry Soup Association of English Poets), teaching Applied Linguistics, and translation studies.

Educational Qualifications

- MA in Linguistics (Reading) – University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
- MEd in TESL – HELP University, Malaysia
- BA in English (First Class Honors) – Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka
- Advanced Certificate Course in Translation Skills for the Sworn Translator Examination – Sri Lanka Foundation Institute

Academic & Professional Appointments

- Temporary Lecturer in English – Department of Languages, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
- Temporary Lecturer in English – Nāgānanda International Institute for Buddhist Studies (NIIBS), Manelwatta, Bollegala, Kelaniya
- Research Assistant – Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Homagama
- Principal – Sagaramathi Pirivena, Kandegama, Damminna, Polonnaruwa
- Principal – Ti-Ratana Lumbini Garden Sunday Dhamma School, Malaysia
- Chief Resident Monk – Ti-Ratana Lumbini Garden, Malaysia
- Permanent Resident Monk – Buddhist Maha Vihara, Malaysia

Research & Publications

- Influence of Buddhist Philosophy among the Youth in Sri Lanka (2021) – Three-Day (Online) International Conference on Buddhist Philosophy and Its Role in Inculcating Values among Youth, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, and Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi.
- The Functions of English as a Second Language in Sri Lankan Buddhist Religious Education (2020) – Sri Lanka International Journal of Buddhist Studies (SIJBS), Volume VI, pp. 60-68. ISSN 2773-6814.
- Leadership Qualities Presented in Early Buddhism to Create Sustainable Peace in the Globe (2019) – International Conference on Civilisational Dialogue (IConCiDi), University of Malaya.
- Introduction to Sri Lankan English Literature (2015) – Aurora, Journal of English Studies, 1st Vol, Department of English, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, pp. 75-81.
- 'Buddhist Interpretation of the "Vaulting Ambition" in Macbeth' (2013) – 6th Annual Research Conference, The Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka.
- "Torturing Animals; A Social Issue as Depicted in Anne Ranasinghe's Poems" (2013) – 2nd International Conference on Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya.
- "Treatment of Sexual Jealousy in Othello and Buddhist Jātaka stories and Overpowering the Emotion through Insights in Theravada Buddhism" (2013) – National Conference, Sri Lanka Bhikshu University, Anuradhapura.
- A Critical Review of English Education in the Monastic Education System in Sri Lanka (2012) – First National Conference of Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka (Published in "Expansion of Buddhism and Its Socialization" Selected Papers).
- Chronicle Features in Dīgha Nikāya (2012) – 6th National Conference of Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Memberships & Awards

- Member – Faculty Board, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
- Premium Member – Poetry Soup Association of English Poets

Scholarships & Academic Prizes

- CEO Scholarship Award for Master of Education (TESL) – HELP Scholarship Award 2016, HELP University, Malaysia
- H.M. Thisera Memorial Prize – Awarded for the best results of the entire degree program in English medium (2014)
- Gamini Jayasuriya Pali Scholarship – Awarded for the Highest Marks in Pali (Second Year, First and Second Semester Examinations of Bachelor of Arts Degree Course – 2012)