

A Brief Biography of Maha_jeyyasiddhi Adihk-Htan Sayadaw

Ankyeindawgone Hillock of Sittwe, Rakhine State, Myanmar



The Ven. Sayadaw was born of U Wei-doe and Daw San Thar Oo of Sunye Village, Minbya Township, Rakhine State, on Monday, the 4th wanning day of Wa-gaung, 1309 Myanmar Era (4-8-47). He was novitiated at the age of ten and also fully ordained at the age of twenty, in 1328 Myanmar Era. He passed the 1st Grade to 3rd Grade Pa_li Pahtamabyan Examinations and also the Pa_li Lecturership (Dhammacariya) Examination hold by the Government of the Union of Myanmar. And then, he also learned pa_li canonical texts in the Myoma Pa_li University of Sittwe and also in the Dhanyawaddy Pariyatti Sar Thin Taik of Bahan Township, Yangon. In those days, he himself also learned Dighanikaya Pa_li of Suttanta Pitaka by heart. He was a pupil of Aggamaha_pandita Bhaddanta Khant_i (S_asanadhajasi_r_pavara_Dhamma_cariya), a member of the State Samgha_Maha_Na_yaka Committee. After his learning of Pali Texts and Pa_li literature, he as an abbot of the Sunye village monestary, taught basic pa_li texts and literatures to about five hundred bhikkhu-students and samancras boys and girls for nine years.

Under the noble guidance of the different levels of the Samgha_Organizations, he started Maha_jeyyasidhi Adheik-htan practice—the Buddhanussati Bha_vana_, from the 1st new-year-day of 1341 Myanmar Era and had only vegetables. At the age of 36 (16the Vassa) he became well-known as Adihk-Htan Sayadaw.

The Ven. Sayadaw has been wandering in the regions such as Kyeintaung of Minbya, Vesa_li, Uritdaw, Mrauk-U, Kyauktaw, Paletwa, Sandawshin, Okethalin, Yathetaung, Maungdaw etc and has been performing religious duties, practicing Adheik-htan by himself and teaching Dhammas to lay-devotees.

As he has already learned twenty types of stone inscriptions including Sanskrit and Brahmi_, etc., he wrote the following Buddhist literature and papers:- The Maha_jeyyesidhi Adheik-htan practice, Method of Paying Homage to Munira_ja_Image, Lokana_tha, Devayekkhapu_ja_, Method of Paying Homage to Yesu Image, the Cakka Paritta of 28 Buddha, etc.

Whenever the Ceremony of the Successful Conclusion of Adheik-htan practices are held after he as fulfilled his noble Adheik-htan duties it is wonderously found that the Bodhi leaves near by become leaf-wrappers in shapes of cones.

At present the Ven-Sayadaw takes the responsibility of constructing the Maha-jeyyasidhi Adhitthana Si-ma Hall of about 40000 sq-ft on the Ankyeindawgone hillock of Sittwe, Rakhine State, resembling the shape of the Shitthaung Pathodaw built by Minbargyi of Rakhine King. Without the help of an architect, he leads the whole construction work. The wall of Maha Si-ma is five feet in width; on each of its reserve poles the Ven-Sayadaw together with five members of bhikkhu-samgha have had the meals in group and on the central pole the Ven. Sayadaw with nine members have recited Parittas in group.

64 types of Buddha Images, 80 stupas and 6,354,522 Buddha Images have been enshrined in the Si-ma Hall for the sake of peace and happiness of the whole world. In order to complete the construction, about kyats 2,000 lakhs has to be used. On its roof, nine bronze stupas have been constructed and by now 75% of the work has finished.

Once, the Ven-Sayadaw, while living in Adhitthana Resolution, had distended stomach and upset bowels, at about 12 O' clock of the 10th waxing night of Tagu, 1344 Myanmar Era, he was given the medical prescription by an anonymous woman and she disappeared. Wonderously, he was totally healthy by that prescription.

It is said that the Ven-Sayadaw, when he practised the 9 days-Adhitthana-resolution of the First Step, was venerated by the two noble ones-one with the white dress and the other with the red dress on 4th day of his Adhitthana. The two noble ones suddenly appeared before the Ven-Sayadaw and he told them that they should venerate him if they were inferior ones. They did so as told by him and disappeared.

While the Ven. Sayadaw was residing at the Preintawkhyetawra Kyaung of Sunye Village, Minbya township, he usually performed Adhitthana-Resolution; during the time of 72 days – the Fifth Step of Adhitthana-Resolution, a cobra, without showing any danger, friendly lived with the Ven-Sayadaw, like a pet, for about 45 days; during the time of 81 days – the Sixth Step, he had wonderful dreams three times and he made his lay-disciple dug the ground as indicated by his dreams on 12th waxing day of Thadingyut, 1345 Myanmar Era. There appeared a Buddha Image made of brown stone which was about 600 years old and it was named as "the Maha Supinamuni". If one would like to pay homage to the Ven Sayadaw staying afar, he may stretch his palm with the mind inclining towards the picture of the Sayadaw and he may also invite the Sayadaw in his own mind. His fingers will show him shaking upwards. On 27th January 1994, while the Ven. Sayadaw was reciting Parittas in some houses of lay – devotees of Taunggo, the Paritta – water was bubbling marvellously. On 2nd February 1994, the Ven-Sayadaw proceeded from Taunggo to Mandalay. On that day and the next day too, there fell heavy rains three times in Mandalay where suffered from draught for about four months.

At present the Ven. Sayadaw is residing at the Maha-jeyyasiddhi Adhitthana Si-ma Hall on Ankyeintawgone hillock of Sittwe and teaching the Dhammas – the ways to the peace and happiness of the life to his lay-disciples.

The Ven. Sayadaw, wherever he goes on tour, carries the Maha Myatmuni Bronze Buddha Image together with him and leads all his disciples to the righteous way of living. Those who see the Ven. Sayadaw in person would appreciate his marvellous attributes and may consume the benefits, of meritorious reaction, definitely.

World Religious Mission (1) of Venerable Sayadaw (Monk)

Venerable Sayadaw tours every year to various countries around the world since 1996 with the intention of delivering Buddha's Teachings through Samahta Vipassana means of practice to lay his people (donors) to gain them the Buddha Noaksati Meditation (concentration of Buddha) which he usually practices, this could help them achieve their goal to reach jhana and Nirvana (Heaven) – (renunciation of desires). Following his delivery of Dhamma, he usually recites Parittas for safety of his followers and laymen. Sayadaw laid concerted effort for propagation and perpetuation Buddhism in the following manner:

- (1) Supporting K 35 Lakhs for investing educational stipends monthly, which he receives as donations from his donors.
- (2) Establishes a dispensary at his monastery, which gives free treatment.
- (3) With the intention of propagation and perpetuation of Sasana (religion), built a monastery at the cost of Kyat 3 thousand Lakhs, constructed Adheithtan Theindawgyi (Holy place for holding religious rites), Hnakyek Shitsu (twenty-eight images) Pagoda and a standing Buddha image with a height of 27 ft which bears a total cost of Kyat 3 thousand Lakhs and also a middle school building worth Kyat 300 Lakhs at Sayadaw's birth place Sunye Village, Minbya Township. Constructed Maha Zayya Theiddi AdheithtanTheindawgyi worth Kyat over twenty thousand Lakhs, "Shinsivali (Rahanta) Image" with a height of 49 ft and monasteries for monks to live at Sittwe. Built Chanthargyi sitting Buddha with a height of 35 ft at the cost of Kyat of over one thousand Lakhs and "Ahyonekhan Dhammaryone" (religious Assembly Hall) at Paletwa, Chin State.
Constructed "Lawka Hteikpan" sitting Buddha Image with a height of 70 ft and Saungdan (covered stairway) at the cost of Kyat 3 thousand Lakhs at Pauktaw, "Lawka Marrazein Theindaygyi" at the cost of over Kyat 3 thousand Lakhs at Ponnakyun, "Maha Kangyishin" image with a height of 72 ft at the cost of over Kyat 3 thousand Lakhs at Kyautaw, "Aungsupan" standing image with a height of 70 ft at the cost of Kyat one thousand Lakhs at Yotayoke village, Ponnakyun Township, Maha Kyein Thitsashin" sitting image with a height of 126 ft at the cost of Kyat sixteen thousand Lakhs at North Okkalapa, Yangon Division.

Sayadaw is currently making arrangements to construct a sitting Buddha Image in the name of "Ahnanda Theiddi" bearing a height of 180 ft worth Myanmar Kyat of over 50 thousand Lakhs at Sydney, Australia, proving his religious mission abroad. Apart from these efforts, he is seriously considering constructing Buddha Images in the USA and Singapore, also. Sayadaw has determined to carry n his mission in support of Sasana and the human world as long as he is alive. His yearly tour on religious missions cover Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Singapore, Malaysia, India, Nepal, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Macoco, China, Australia, USA, Canada, England (Britain), France, Germany etc. In his preachings at any region or in any country, he refrains from speeches that would insult or degrade other religious or faiths, on any establishment, gang, organisation or any other party or parties, but sticks to deliver only on Maha Zayya Theiddi resolved Meditation, Buddha Noaksati Meditation (concentration on Buddha) which he firmly put in practice. He also used to recite Parittas to cast away all dangers that would befall on the people. He therefore, is a noble significant Venerable Sayadaw (Monk) giving his utmost effort for this benefit of Sasana (religion) and for the world human abode.

