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- MA Buddhist Philosophy
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- Elementary to Intermediate Buddhist Studies Programs
- Advanced Buddhist Studies Programs
- Specialized Course on Abhidhamma

## SAKYA BUDDHA UNIVERSITY

### LETTER OF INVITATION

Graduation Ceremony, Opening of New Academic Programs, Dharma Conference & Great Sakya Ordination

March 15, 2025

Dear Venerable Monks and Nuns,  
Dear Knowledgeable Scholars and Friends in Dharma,

Bodhi Buddharealm Society dba Sakya Buddha University is a university aiming at multi-ethnic spiritual science education globally.

After two years of diligent studying, our first cohort of outstanding students are ready to graduate alongside the participants from the institution's extracurricular classes, students have been studying Dharma teachings for the past 10 years. In honor of the 2649<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Buddha's birth this year, we are organizing a 9-day Dharma assembly retreat featuring 5 sacred and noble educational events as follows:

- Graduation ceremony and opening of new academic programs.
- Introduction of the "Virtual Professor" Technology by Sakya Buddha University.
- International conference, topic: Virtual Professor Technology leading towards the transformation of global education focusing on two core discussion areas: the AI-Dharma database supporting mindfulness in education and AI's assistance in fostering peace for global harmony.
- The Great Sakya Ordination: Bestowing ordination for both monastic and laypersons.
- Groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Sakya Buddha University Dormitory.

The Five Events, offering tremendous value to global education, will be held:

**Date: May 24, 2025 to June 1, 2025**

**Place: Sakya Buddha University**

**3404 Westminster Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92703**

With all sincerity, the organizing committee looks forward to welcoming:

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Your presence is a boundless blessing to us.

Respectfully,

Organizing Committee:

Abbot Thích Huyền Châu, Ven. Thích Nguyên Nguyên,  
Ven. Thích Nguyên Định, Ven. Trí Quang, Ven. Minh Lợi.

## **2025 BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY DHARMA ASSEMBLY PROGRAM**

*May 24, 2025 to June 1, 2025*

### **Saturday 05/24/2025:**

- 09:00 AM: Grand Opening Ceremony
  - + Gathering and chanting for blessing
  - + Welcome remarks and introductions of distinguished guests
  - + Opening speech of the Dharma Assembly
  - + Selection ceremony of the Board of Directors and Executive Board of Bodhi Buddharealm Society (BBS) and Sakya Buddha University (SBU)
  - + Presentation of Appointment Certificates and Congratulatory Gifts
  - + Announcement of BBS and SBU's Regulations and Guidelines
  - + Dharma Advice from the Most Venerable Master
  - + Celebration of the Buddha's Birthday in both Theravāda and Mahāyāna Traditions
- 12:00 AM: Offering Ceremony to the Sangha
- 01:15 PM: 30 minutes of meditation and walking chanting
- 02:30 PM: Dharma Talks:
  - + **Topic 1: The Essential of Monastic Conduct with Beginner Mind**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Nguyên Nguyên
  - + **Topic 2: Practicing the Five Precepts with the 10 – charitable spirit**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Trí Hiền
- 03:45 PM: Rituals of King Liang Repentance
- 05:00PM: Offering meal and concluded for the day.

### **Sunday, 05/25/2025:**

- 09:00 AM: Rituals of King Liang Repentance
- 10:15 AM: Dharma Talks:
  - + **Topic 3: The Meaning of the Great Sakya Ordination**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Nguyên Nguyên
- 11:00 AM: Introduction to:
  - + **The Sakya Buddha University Library**
  - + *Speaker:* Nun Thích Nữ Hiền Chân

+ **The Vietnamese Buddhist Studies Curriculum and Student Handbook**

+ *Speaker:* Ven. Thích Huyền Châu

- 12:00 PM: Lunch Offering
- 01:15 PM: 30 minutes of meditation and walking chanting
- 02:30 PM: Dharma Talks:
  - + **Topic 4: Ten Cases of Precept Attainment**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Nguyên Định
  - + **Topic 5: Vipassana Meditation**
  - + *Preacher:* Sư Trí Quang
- 03:45 PM: Rituals of King Liang Repentance
- 05:00 PM: Offering meal and concluded for the day.

**Monday, 05/26/2025:**

- 09:00 AM: Rituals of King Liang Repentance
- 10:30 AM: Dharma Talks:
  - + **Topic 6: Worldly Engaged-Spirit of the Bodhisattava Precepts**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Minh Lợi
  - + **Topic 7: Cultivate the mind before too late**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Trí Hiền
- 12:00 PM: Lunch Offering
- 01:30 PM: 30 minutes of meditation and walking chanting
- 03:00 PM: Dharma Talks:
  - + **Topic 8: The Compilation Process of the Vinaya Canon**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Hoằng Nhứt
  - + **Topic 9: Differentiating Precepts and Karma**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Huyền Châu
- 04:30 PM: Rituals of King Liang Repentance
- 05:30 PM: Offering meal and concluded for the day.

**Tuesday, 05/27/2025:**

- 09:00 AM: Rituals of King Liang Repentance
- 10:30 AM: Dharma Talks:
  - + **Topic 10: The Importance of Reciting the Precepts**

- + *Preacher:* Nun Thích Nữ Tâm Nhựt
- + **Topic 11: The Noble Eightfold Path in Early Buddhism**
- + *Preacher:* Ven. Trí Quang
- 12:00 PM: Lunch Offering
- 01:30 PM: 30 minutes of meditation and walking chanting
- 03:00 PM: Dharma Talks:
  - + **Topic 12: The Eight Precepts and Sixteen Virtuous Practices**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Vạn Hải
  - + **Topic 13: The Essence of the Sacred Precepts**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Huyền Châu
- 04:30 PM: Rituals of King Liang Repentance
- 05:30 PM: Offering meal and concluded for the day.

### **Wednesday, 05/28/2025:**

- 09:00 AM: Rituals of King Liang Repentance
- 10:30 AM: Dharma Talks:
  - + **Topic 14: Overview of the Buddhist Vinaya System**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Nguyên Nguyên
  - + **Topic 15: Comparing the merits of Indra's seven precepts and the five precepts of lay Buddhists.**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Trí Hiền
- 12:00 PM: Lunch Offering
- 01:30 PM: 30 minutes of meditation and walking chanting
- 03:00 PM: Dharma Talks:
  - + **Topic 16: Cultivating Right Mindfulness**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Trí Quang
  - + **Topic 17: Education and Buddhism**
  - + *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Huyền Châu
- 04:30 PM: Rituals of King Liang Repentance
- 05:30 PM: Offering meal and concluded for the day.

### **Thursday, 05/29/2025:**

- 09:00 AM: Rituals of King Liang Repentance
- 10:30 AM: Dharma Talks:

+ **Topic 18: The importance of Precepts in Buddhism**

+ *Preacher:* Most Ven. Thích Trí Hoàng

+ **Topic 19: The Purpose of a Buddhist's life**

+ *Preacher:* Ven. Thích Đức Phước

- 12:00 PM: Lunch Offering

- 01:30 PM: 30 minutes of meditation and walking chanting

- 03:00 PM: Dharma Talks:

+ **Topic 20: Selected Vinaya Texts Enacted by the Buddha**

+ *Preacher:* Nun Thích Nữ Huệ Hoàn

***Dharma Questions and Answers, Topic 21 The Joy of Tranquility***

+ *Main Speaker:* Ven. Thích Pháp Nhãn

+ *Moderator:* Ven. Thích Vạn Hải

+ *Panelists:* Ven. Nguyễn Nguyễn, Ven. Thông Đức, Ven. Hoàng Nhứt, Ven. Đức Phước, Ven. Nguyễn Định, Ven. Huyền Châu, Ven. Trí Hiền, Ven. Trí Quang, Ven. Minh Lợi, Nun Tâm Nhứt, Nun Huệ Hoàn, Nun Hương Quang...

- 04:30 PM: Rituals of King Liang Repentance

- 05:30 PM: Offering meal and concluded for the day.

**Friday, 05/30/2025: SAKYA ORDINATION CEREMONY**

**-7:00 AM: Monastic Ordination:**

+ Novice Precepts, (Śrāmaṇera/Sāmaṇerī)

+ Bhikkhu/Bhikkhuni Precepts

+ Sikkhamana (Female Novice Training Precepts)

**- 12:00 PM: Lunch Offering**

**- 01:30 PM: Lay Ordination:**

+ Taking Refuge in the Three Jewels and Five Precepts

+ The Ten Wholesome Precepts

**-04:00 PM: Bodhisattva Precepts Ordination:**

+ Bodhisattva Precepts for Monastics

+ Bodhisattva Precepts for Lay Practitioners

**NOTE:**

**Ordination for Monks will be conducted at:** Sakya Buddha University, 3404 Westminster Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92703

**Ordination for Nuns will be conducted at:** Bodhi Buddha Sangha, 9631 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92841

**Final Assembly and Presentation of the Two Sangha Groups at the end of the day:** Sakya Buddha University,

3404 Westminster Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92703

-05:30 PM: Offering meal and concluded for the day.

### **Saturday, 05/31/2025: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Theme: Virtual Professor Technology & Its Impact on Global Education**

#### **-09:00 AM: English-language Session:**

- Distinguished speakers include Prof. Lewis Lancaster (SBU Advisor), Prof. Howie Lan (AI-Dharma Advisor), Dr. Victor Gabriel (SBU Chancellor), Dr. Monica Sanford (Harvard University – Divinity Dept.), Dr. Miroj Shakya (University of the West, Dean-Buddhist Research Dept.)

#### **-11:30 AM Ra mắt công nghệ AI – Dharma**

-12:30 PM: **Lunch Offering**

#### **- 01:30 AM: Vietnamese-language Session:**

- Topics:
  - + Virtual Professor Technology in Global Education (Speaker: Ven. Thích Huyền Châu)
  - + AI-Dharma Database's support in Mindfulness Education (Speaker: Ven. Thích Nhật Thành)
  - + AI's Role in Cultivating Inner Peace for World Harmony (Speaker: TBD).
  - + Introduction to PrayOS (Speaker: Tony Vũ)

05:30 PM: Offering meal and concluded for the day.

### **Sunday, 06/01/2025:**

#### **-09:00 AM: Opening Ceremony**

- Gathering and chanting for blessings
- Opening Remarks / Introduction

#### **- Graduation Speeches:**

- + Representative of the MA of Buddhist Philosophy class
- + Representative of the Vietnamese Buddhist Studies Class

- **Degree Conferment:** MA of Buddhist Philosophy program, Extracurricular programs

#### **- Inauguration Speeches for New Academic Terms:**

- + MA of Buddhist Philosophy, MA of Buddhist Counseling Psychology
- + Vietnamese Buddhist Studies programs

- + Inaugural Drum Ceremony
- + Dharma Advice from Most Venerable Master
- + Closing Speech
- **12:00 PM: Offering Lunch**
- **01:00 PM: Touring and Blessing Places:**
  - + Monk's Dormitory
  - + Nun's Dormitory
  - + SBU Dormitory
- 05:30 PM: Offering Meals and concluded for the day.