

**Ven. Phra Bhavanabodhiguna (Ajahn Poh)**  
Wat Tharn Nam Lai (Suan Mokkh Monastery)

**Welcoming Address** (Chaiya, 26 May 2017)

**Ven. Phra Bhavanabodhiguna (Ajahn Poh)**, currently acting abbot of Wat Suan Mokkh, is in his middle eighties, and had grown up on Koh Samui. He is highly experienced in meditation and in teaching Buddha-Dhamma. He heads the Suan Mokkh Monastery following the tradition of Tan Ajahn Buddhadasa. He has taught with other monks and some Western meditators at the International Dharma Hermitage of Wat Suan Mokkh, a hermitage where over 30,000 retreatants have stayed since its creation in the mid 1980's, and where teachers are not called 'teachers' but 'Dhamma-friends.'

Ven. Ajahn Poh is the founder of Dipabhavan Meditation Center in Koh Samui. Since the beginning in 2004, he and other monks from Suan Mokkh go to Dipabhavan every month to conduct retreats in English, Russian, or Thai, and other activities to promote Buddhism to all.