



EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
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I am greatly honored to send my congratulatory message to the 9th United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration. The event is to be held in Thailand from May 31st and 1-2 June 2012 under the topic of "the Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well-Being of Humanity" in conjunction with the auspicious occasion of the 80th Birthday of Her Majesty of Queen Sirikit and the 60th Birthday of His Majesty the Crown Prince of Thailand.

As you may be aware of, in a resolution passed by the United Nations' General Assembly on December 15, 1999, it was decided to celebrate the thrice-sacred day of Vesak in the month of May. Since then, the United Nations Day of Vesak has become the world religious and cultural festival.

The United Nations Day of Vesak is aimed at respecting the Buddha's ideological values for peace, reconciliation, harmony, love and mercy.

The United Nations Day of Vesak has been a world wide public activity, which is held annually in May. The event is organized with participation of various Buddhist factions from all over the world. This is an opportunity for Buddhists to get together to remember, and celebrate the Birth, Enlightenment and Passing away of the Sakyamuni Buddha. At the same time, we will take this good chance to share our point of views and encourage each other in learning, working, thus integrating the Buddha's progressive idea into life.

In celebrating the United Nations Day of Vesak, we will together maintain the new relations, consolidate our unity, and friendship relations to build a better life, the Buddhist sanctuary in the real world, contributing to the prevention of conflicts, national reconciliations and alleviation of poverty and pains in the social life, thus leading the people to a happy and peaceful life.

May the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration this year be a great success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thang', written over a horizontal line.

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The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the Kingdom of Thailand