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**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE**

**FOR**

**THE UNITED NATIONS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF VESAK**

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

On Vesak Day, Buddhist all over the world commemorates three sacred events: the Birth, Enlightenment and Passing away of Lord Buddha.

This year the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations coincides with the auspicious year of the 80<sup>th</sup> Royal Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit and the 60<sup>th</sup> Royal Birthday of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn.

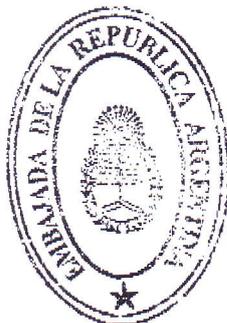
The highest spiritual ideals of Buddhism are profound values of human life and a wise approach to deal with its problems. Those universal values help to bring deep understanding to the mind, to overcome the negative emotions that arise from anger, greed and ignorance.

The Buddhist message of compassion, tolerance and loving kindness for the sake of all sentient beings are deep principles to promote human values and harmony to dissolve the nowadays' confrontation of the world.

The situation that we face today like violence, poverty, hunger and the degradation of the environment have the same root that Siddhartha Gautama taught and spread from India 2600 years ago to all over the world: the suffering of the human being.

The theme for the 2012 Celebrations: "The Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well-being of Humanity", is an opportunity to take the teachings of Lord Buddha as a guide to help to solve the sufferings of mankind.

On this special occasion, I would like to congratulate the United Nations Day of Vesak, the government and the people of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for its remarkable work along all this year and to welcome all the participants of the 9<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day of Vesak.



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