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Congratulatory Message
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Namo Buddhaya,

I am honoured to share this message for the Vesak Celebrations 2012/2555.

I wish to convey the warmest greetings from the Government and people of Indonesia as we, in Indonesia, also observe the Vesak Day which marks Lord Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and Parinirvana. The Vesak Day is a momentum for Buddhists from all walks of life to enshrine the lofty teachings of the Buddha.

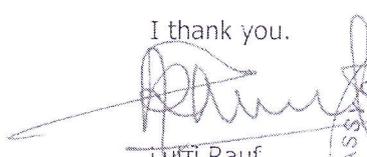
Buddha Gautama taught us the Dharma that brings enlightened in Buddhists' life and promotes universal values to the well being of humanity. Our world is indeed rich with diversities. But with the Dharma, Buddhist will always be in harmony with one another. The universal values in the Dharma encourage us to see our differences as strong assets to cooperate and to grow together. And with the Dharma, one can contribute positively to all human being that transcends races, religions and nationality differences.

I am pleased to note that the theme of this year's observance is "The Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well-being of Humanity". The theme is very suitable and timely for the state of our world today. Some of our brothers and sisters somewhere around the corner of the world are still experiencing hardship, poverty and conflict in their life. With the spirit of the Vesak Day, this day would be the high time to underline the teachings of Buddha on compassion and care for others. It is our onus and merits to help alleviate their plight.

In this connection, I am heartened to learn the exemplary deed of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. As the years have passed, His Majesty has displayed a deep and unwavering commitment and endeavour to the well-being and welfare of the Thai people. Through His Majesty's Royal Development Projects, the livelihood of millions of Thai people, especially in the rural area, have been developed.

Once again, I wish to congratulate all Buddhists on this Vesak Day. May the spirit of Vesak Day enlighten our heart of Buddha's teachings to path our ways to a brighter and better future.

I thank you.


Lutfi Rauf
Ambassador

