



MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY

Wisdom of the Land

Message from the President of Mahidol University

On behalf of Mahidol University, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and congratulations to all parties involved in the arrangement and implementation of the Buddha's Enlightenment for the Well-being of Humanity Conference to commemorate Vesak Day of 2012. The theme of the conference gives us a unique opportunity to remind ourselves of the core message of the Buddha, which is to strive to attain enlightenment which would ultimately lead to a betterment of humanity well-being and a peaceful society.

Key principles of Buddhism possess unique characteristics since they are timeless and with wide positive applications in all matters of humanity and society. Such valuable heritage must be maintained, practiced, purified and disseminated throughout the years to come. For this year, both the theme and content of the conference clearly reflect issues that are of paramount importance to both the practice and application of Buddhism. I strongly believe that all attendants will benefit greatly from the content and networking opportunity that this conference will surely provide. Thanks to tremendous efforts from the Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University in collaboration with International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU) and International Council of the United Nations Day of Vesak (ICUNDV) to create such an excellent platform to ensure the continuity and prosperity of Buddhism and to celebrate 2600 years of Buddha's enlightenment.

Finally, I wish to thank all participants who participate in the conference. Your contribution and participation plays an instrumental part in the success of the conference. I wish the conference a great success.

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