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On World Visak Day

I feel honored and very pleased to send you this message about organizing international activities on World Visak Day, 2556 under the topic of "Education and Global citizenship : A Buddhist Perspective", scheduled to be held on May 21-22, 2556. In addition to paying gratitude to our Lord Bhudda for his immeasurable teachings, these activities also aim to celebrate the 100th Birthday anniversary of his Holiness Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara, the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand.

Education on Buddhist perspective is a study by following *trisikkha* (the Threefold Training) process, aiming to have ultimate achieving results, based on *Atthangiga-magga* (the Noble Eightfold Path). That is to say, we train ourselves by adapting the Noble Eightfold Path principle, and by so doing, will give rise to mental and wisdom growth. We will consequently be able to solve problems and end suffering. The three Noble Training consists of the following principles:

1. *Adhisila-sikkha* (sila) is a study to train oneself to have right view, right speech and right livelihood ; the results of which will consequently cause one to achieve higher morality, with good behavior, discipline, and social relationship, thus reaching the standard of civilized people, and enhancing moral quality.

2. *Adhicitta-sikkha* (concentration) is a study to train oneself to have right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration ; the results of which will consequently cause one to achieve higher mentality, with morality, mental quality, mental capability, and mental health, hence reaching the standard of civilized people: the standard of good wisdom development.

3. *Adhipanna-sikkha* (wisdom) is a study to train oneself to have right understanding, and right thought; the results of which will consequently cause one to achieve higher mentality wisdom, reaching the standard of civilized people. One will lead his/her life with wisdom, good mentality, and intellectual freedom.

As a member of world citizens, regardless races and religions, one should study and train oneself by following the threefold training process. One will achieve higher morality, with good behavior, disciplines, and co-exist peacefully with others in the societies; higher mentality, with mental quality, mental capability, and morality; and higher mentality wisdom, with wisdom, freedom, higher mentality, and ultimately is a world citizen with higher quality.

Finally, may I wish international activities on World Visak Day, 2556 a success, bringing perpetual peace to the world citizens, may the threefold training be achieved in all of us so that we can be valuable and meaningful world citizens, and last but not least, may eternal peace be with all of you.



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