

Embassy of the Republic of Cuba

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Congratulatory Message

In the auspicious occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day of Vesak organized by Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU) of Thailand, allow me to extend my most profound congratulations to all Buddhists and especially to all attending such an important celebration.

In the present year there is an additional and very special motivation to celebrate, that at the same time has a great meaning, because the Thai people celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty the King, who has dedicated his life to promote Buddhist virtues and also socio economic development for his beloved people. So, there is not a better theme for this year celebrations than Buddhist virtues in Socio-Economic Development.

In the world full of conflicts, aggressions, hostility, as well as natural and social disasters, the expansion of Buddha's teaching, based on compassion, harmony, love and goodwill is more important than ever.

I wish success to all of you, organizers and participants in your noble endeavor to enhance the virtues of Buddhism and to bring peace, friendship and love to the humanity, which constitute the principle foundation on which the human species can survive.

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