

## **Congratulatory Message for the 10th United Nations Day of Vesak**

On the occasion of the 10th United Nations Day of Vesak, we Buddhists from all over the world have got together here at UN Convention Center Bangkok in order to celebrate the Day of Vesak and are enjoying sheer bliss. I would like to thank all the people who have worked to organize this celebration for their efforts and for their invitation of us. I would also like to send my hearty congratulations on the twofold auspicious event of the 100th Birthday Anniversary of His Holiness Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara.

The Day of Vesak is the most sacred day when Buddhists all over the world commemorate the birth, the attainment of enlightenment and the passing away of Buddha, who showed everlasting truth to the world. The fact that it was recognized as a United Nations Day at the United Nations General Assembly in 1999 is a great joy and honor to us Buddhists, and it allows us to feel confident in the value of Buddhism education and its promotion for the future.

Lord Buddha stated that all things and phenomena in this world reflect the truth (Shoho-Jisso); He realized the truth that reality be affirmed, and became the Enlightened One.

In the world, people have been and are still in conflict with each other, and are now facing unprecedented environment changes as well as uncontrollable violent nature forces, both of which are caused by human actions lacking consideration to nature. Nevertheless, human beings are struggling and making untiring efforts to follow the path to sustention and further development of their existence.

The spiritual light of Lord Buddha, who taught us to love nature, live with nature and humbly accept reality of human existence, will keep shining more and more brightly over the places where Buddhism is believed and taught, and the places will shine on with brighter light in the future.

At the end of my speech, I would like to express my wholehearted gratitude and thankfulness again to Thai Government and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for their great efforts devoted to this celebration.

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