



**EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
BANGKOK**

Friday, May 10, 2013

I am greatly honored to send my congratulatory message to the 10<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day of Vesak celebration. The event is to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 21-22 May 2013 with the Theme of " Education and Global Citizenship: A Buddhist Perspective"

The Theme of this year's celebration will be discussed on the role of Education and its implications to Global Citizenship. In the world of Global Citizens, Education must be a priority. Education for Global Citizenship will give people the knowledge, understanding, skills and values that they need to cooperate in resolving the challenges and common concerns of Human being in the new era. In particular, Education based on the Buddhist idea will encourage children and young people to take care of our people and our planet. It is time for us to unlock the real potential of the Buddhism for more inclusive and sustainable development.

Building on the joint decision from this Celebration, We will now work to ensure Education for Global citizenship as a critical aspect of the cause of integrating the Buddhist progressive idea into a happy and peaceful life.

May the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration this year be a great success.

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