

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

The 12th United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration 2015

Theme: Buddhism and World crisis

Venue: Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU), Wang Noi, Ayutthaya
and United Nations Convention Center Bangkok, Thailand

Program: 28 - 30 May 2015 (B.E. 2558)



Wednesday, 27 May 2015		
All Day	:	Arrival of participants at Airport Reception, Registration at the Hotel Lobby
19:00 hours	:	Dinner at the Hotel
Thursday, 28 May 2015–Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU), Conference Hall, Ayutthaya		
08:00 hours	:	Arrival of participants at MCU Conference Hall
08:30 hours	:	Buddhist leaders enter the Conference Hall
09:00 – 09:30 hours	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Arrival of His Holiness Somdet Phra Maharatchamangkalacharn, the Acting Supreme Patriarch of Thailand● His Holiness is attended and escorted by the Organizing Committee● His Holiness leads the congregation in Paying Homage to the Triple Gem● Report by the Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundit, the Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University and President of the International Council for Day of Vesak (ICDV)● Speech by His Holiness Somdet PhraMaharatchamangkalacharn
09:30 – 10:00 hours	:	Welcome Address by The Most Ven. Prof. Dr. Phra Brahmapundit, Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University and President of the International Council for Day of Vesak (ICDV)
09:50 – 10:30 hours	:	Messages from Buddhist leaders

10:30 – 11:00 hours	:	Keynote Speech on Buddhism and World crisis : Prof. Dr. Damien Keown
11:00 – 12:00 hours	:	Luncheon
12:00 hours	:	Delegates enter the Auditorium
13:30 hours	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HRH Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn graciously entrusted HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha of Thailand to represent His Royal Highness in presiding over the Opening Ceremony ● HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha is attended and escorted by Deputy Prime Minister and Organizing Committee ● HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha pays Homage to the Triple Gem ● Report by H.E. Deputy Prime Minister Wisanu Krue-ngam ● Inauguration Speech by HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha ● HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha departs
14:30 – 15:00 hours	:	Welcome Address by H.E. Deputy Prime Minister Wisanu Krue-ngam
15:00 – 17:00 hours	:	Messages from Buddhist leaders
17:00 hours	:	Group Photo
18.00 hours	:	Dinner
19:00 – 20:30 hours	:	Cultural Show
21:00 hour		Back to Hotel
Friday, 29 May 2015 - Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU) Conference Hall, Ayutthaya		
08:30 hours	:	Arrival of participants at MCU Conference Hall
09:00 – 11:30 hours	:	Penal 1: Buddhist Response to Social Conflict Panel 2: Buddhist Response to Environmental Degradation Panel 3: Buddhist Response to Educational Crisis Panel 4: Buddhism and ASEAN Community Panel 5: Workshop on Common Buddhist Text: CBT
11:30 hours	:	Luncheon
13:00 – 17:00 hours	:	Panel / Workshop (Continued)
18:00 hours	:	Dinner

Saturday, 30 May 2015 – United Nations Convention Center / Buddhamonthon		
08:00 hours	:	Arrival of participants at UNCC, Bangkok
08:30 hours	:	Buddhist leaders enter the UNCC
09:00 – 10:00 hours	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speech by H.E. Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-o-cha ● Welcome Remark by the Executive Secretary of the UNESCAP ● Message from H.E. Ban Ki-Moon, UN Secretary-General ● Message from H.E. Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO
10:00 – 10:20 hours	:	Guest Speaker on the “Royal Duties of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on the Occasion of the 60 th Birthday Anniversary of Her Royal Highness Princess” by Mr. Suphachai Chearavanont
10:20 – 11:00 hours	:	Messages from Political Leaders
11:00 hours	:	Luncheon
12:30 hours	:	Group Photo
13:00 – 14:00 hours	:	Final Plenary Session – Recommendations from Panels and Workshop
14:00 – 15:00 hours	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Announcing of the 2015 Bangkok Declaration followed by chanting for world peace ● Closing Ceremony presided over by His Holiness Somdet Phra Maharatchamangkalacharn, the Acting Supreme Patriarch of Thailand
16:00 hours	:	Proceed to Buddhamonthon for Candle-lit Procession for the blessing on the Occasion of the 60 th Birthday Anniversary of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn
17:00- hours	:	Candle-lit Procession
	:	Return to Hotel and Dinner
Sunday, 31 May 2015		
All Day	:	All participants check-out from hotel and depart