



ARMENIAN BUDDHIST CENTER

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Congratulatory message on the occasion of celebrating the thrice-sacred day of Vesak from the Buddhists of the Republic of Armenia.

With deepest respect and greatest pleasure we congratulate Your Holiness Somdet Phra Phutthacharn, the Most Venerable Dr. Phra Dharmakosarjarn, the Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, all venerable teachers, and friends in Dhamma with the thrice-sacred day of Vesak.

On behalf of the group of Buddhists of the Republic of Armenia let us express our deep gratitude for the invitation to the conference and for the possibility to congratulate the Supreme Sangha, the people of Thailand, all Buddhists, as well as all the people of good will worldwide with the thrice-sacred day of Vesak.

We wish peace, wellbeing, prosperity and all the luck in the world to your country, to the hospitable, friendly and smiling people living there. It is pleasant to see, how the Teaching of the Blessed One is in no small way carefully cherished and passed on by your efforts. The Supreme Sangha of the Kingdom of Thailand, its magnificent temples and monasteries, its people, faithfully devoted to the Teaching of the Blessed One, evince that the Buddha Dhamma has assumed a firm basis on your land and gives hope that it will continue still longer to do good, bring light and enlightenment to all those who follow the Middle Way.

Buddhism, as a World religion, extends beyond the bounds of one ethnic. It enables all men, regardless of their nationality, cope with such psychological difficulties as stresses, sufferings, misfortunes, and what is important it aims at seeking and finding self-support following simple but very deep moral principles. The Buddha's Teaching undoubtedly develops mutual understanding between people and nations. This is especially urgent today in hard times of global economic crisis and unavoidable disappointment. The theme "Global Recovery: The Buddhist Perspective" is very appropriate not only to the Buddhists, but to the world in large. All the countries and nations somehow feel all the hardships of the worldwide crisis and as a considerable support to the whole mankind can serve those principles and approaches which directly result from the doctrines of the Blessed One.

From this point of view the conferences you organize cope successfully with the assigned task and your efforts are difficult to overestimate regarding the organizing and holding these conferences.

Let us thank you once more and express our deep consideration that owing to your efforts the Day of Vesak is recognized now as the United Nations official holiday.

May all beings be well and Happy!

Armenian Buddhist Center,

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