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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

I am extremely delighted to come to know that 8th International Buddhist Conference on the occasion of United Nations Vesak Day 2011/2054 Celebration is going to be organized in Thailand by Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU) along with the celebration of 84th Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

The thrice sacred day of Vesak – Birth, Enlightenment and Passing Away of The Buddha is a very important event in the history of Buddhism and Buddhist world. The resolution passed by the United Nations in its General Assembly in the year 1999 recognizing the Day of Vesak as an International Day of the United Nations has given us opportunity to observe this sacred day with international program in the form of world wide assembly.

Since that resolution is passed Royal Thai Government under the Royal Patronage specially His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej has taken keen interest to observe the day with full support of the Supreme Sangha Council and the people of Thailand. The whole Buddhist world pay special tribute to His Majesty for his continuous magnanimous support and invaluable service to Buddhism and humanity. In this present world His Majesty The King , Royal Thai Government , Supreme Sangha Council, many Buddhist Organizations of Thailand and the people specially MCU under the dynamic leadership of world renowned Buddhist monk leader Most Venerable Phra Prof. Dr. Dhammakosajarn, Rector of MCU, President of ICUNDV and President of IABU are hosting pioneering role in the propagation of Buddhism throughout the world thus enabling the Buddhists of the world to work for peace and happiness amongst the mankind.

I am personally delighted to express my heartfelt feelings that I could avail myself of the opportunity in participating in almost all the conferences except one with the invitation from the organizer of ICUNDV. I humbly express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Most Venerable Phra Prof. Dr. Dhammakosajarn whose affection and blessings I always received in these unique conferences.

It is my great expectation and also expectation of the whole Buddhist world that Thailand specially MCU under the active and dynamic leadership of Most Venerable Phra Dr. Dhammakosajarn will continue to organize this kind of unique historic event to keep Buddhism alive and moving for peace and happiness of mankind. in this turmoil world. The theme of this year conference has been rightly chosen as Buddhist Virtues in Socio Economic Development. We hope that the scholars will put forward lot of recommendations through their thoughtful deliberations.

On behalf of the Buddhist people of Dhamma Village Aburkhill and Buddhists of Bangladesh I extend my heartiest congratulations to His Majesty the King of Thailand, Supreme Sangha Council, Thai people and the organizer MCU specially Rector of MCU Most Venerable Phra Prof. Dr. Dhammakosajarn for organizing the 8th International Buddhist Conference on UNDV. I hope that the conference will be a great success and the world will find a right direction in overcoming the sufferings from social imbalance and economic degradation from the teachings of The Great Buddha.

May all beings be free from sufferings.

Bikiran Barua 12.4.2011

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