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Congratulatory Message

On the auspicious occasion of the United Nations Day of Vesak, I would like to express my deep pleasure and warm congratulation to the Supreme Sangha council, the Royal Thai government, and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for holding the 8th United Nations Day of Vesak 2011/2554. I also extend my loving-kindness to His Majesty King Bhumibhol Adulyadej for long life and prosperity on the occasion of his 84th Birthday Anniversary.

At present almost everywhere in the world is challenging with the issues such as wars, conflicts, violence, economic recession, Tsunami, earthquake, global warming, climate change etc. In Buddhism we have the profound teaching of Lord Buddha that can help solving all kinds of crises in the world. So, during this critical time it is very important for all traditions of Buddhism to dig up all Lord Buddha's teaching to help solving the issues.

The first message of Lord Buddha to His disciples to propagate His sublime teaching: **"O Bhikkhus, go forth for the good of the many, for the happiness of the many, out of compassion for the world, for the good, benefit, and happiness of gods and men"**. No matter how good the teaching of Awakened One is, if we don't practice it for any benefit; it is useless.

I strongly believe that this United Nations Day of Vesak celebration bring fruitful for peace, happiness, prosperity, stability and sustainable development of the world.

By the virtues of attending this celebration may all participants be blessed by the four Lord Buddha's blessing namely Longevity, beauty, happiness, and strength.

Phnom Penh, 19th May, 2011

H.H TepVong

The Great Supreme Patriarch
of Kingdom of Cambodia