



**Triple Gem Society
Sri Lanka, Canada, Kenya, Puerto Rico**

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Auspicious Anniversary Celebration

With appreciation and gratitude, the Triple Gem Society extends congratulations on the 8th United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations. We are grateful to the country of Thailand for hosting this important Day and to all of those who have skillfully contributed to the organization's mammoth preparations for this historic event. This is an auspicious time. With even greater pleasure we offer congratulations on the 84th birthday celebration of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

Events such as this gives one an opportunity to deepen one's connection with others that results in friendships and fellowships that can unite us globally through the teachings of the Buddha. Many people discover that the spirit of the Day of Vesak inspires them to strengthen their practices by reminding them where they find their inner and outer peace. It is a significant time to seek a deeper harmonious living through right action and speech and by honoring our communities in which we live.

This year's 2011 conference theme "Buddhist Virtues in Socio-Economic Development" is perfectly suited for the era when modern scientific thought influences every day decisions. Through Buddhist values we can bring greater harmony to the rapidly expanding technology of our times, which promises to contribute to our life but often leaves us wondering about its true global impact and its ethical conduct.

It is truly a pleasure to come to your country to celebrate this occasion and we extend our wishes for great success.

Yours sincerely in the Dhamma

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