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May All Beings free from Sufferings

Vesak is a memorial festival of Buddha's coming to the earth, which has been observed by Buddhists. Vesak encompasses the meanings of enlightenment and salvation and mean a great deal to human beings. Through allying with the United Nations Day of Vesak, the communication between different cultures and the consensus among us become a main stream voice, which spreads Sakyamuni's spirit of enlightenment to every corner of the world as if the sunlight warms the land. Being invited by the committee to join this festival, I feel absolutely honored and indebted. The topic of this year—"Buddhist Virtues in Socio-Economic Development" has a significant meaning in terms of today's environment. I believe that the interactions and sharing among the representatives from all around the world will generate rewarding and substantial results which would bring us a sense of fulfillment.

"In the Heavens above, in all that is below, nothing compares with the Buddha. Throughout the worlds of the ten directions, he is matchless. Of all I have seen in the world, there is nothing at all that is like the Buddha." Buddha is the enlightenment, Buddhists hold the highest respect towards Buddha and obey Buddha's teachings and treat the laws as Buddha himself. In daily life, we observe the teaching—"Not to do any evil, to cultivate good, to purify one's mind, this is the Teaching of the Buddhas". Our manners and behaviors purify people's hearts and save them from problems and pain. By purging greedy, hatred and foolishness, let us act, speak, and think purely. We forever miss Sakyamuni. Through observing the Three Refuges and Five Percepts, Ten Wholesome Ways, and Eight-fold Path, we are elevated and learn to respect others and walk towards the wise and merciful way of enlightenment. On the way, we are becoming even more inspired by Buddhism and more caring for human beings. Accordingly, we endeavor to help people get education and work on the cultural, public business, and charities in order to enhance the development of economics and a peaceful society. We hope all these doings could turn the sufferings of human into harmony and peace, and everyone is safe and happy. With compassion and wisdom, we wish all beings can be free from sufferings.

Dharma rain imbues all beings and brings peace. Disciples of Buddha are uncontaminated by the adverse environment. The spirit of "Six Harmonies", particularly the Harmony of benefit and the Right Behavior and Right Livelihood of the Eight-fold Path are adapting to the needs of the society in a modern outlook. They teach people to earn their profits and benefit the public. To benefit all is to benefit oneself. Thus we should create a society with riches shared by everyone, everyone may live peacefully. In addition, in today's globalized economics, countries should help each other in order to obtain the welfare and peace for all human beings. The contributions of Buddhists towards society and economics are in full scale and insightful. The harmony of human beings and the peace in the world are in sight.

Finally, my sincere best wishes to the prosperity of Thailand. And I wish His Majesty the King has a happy 84th birthday. May the King live healthily and his people may be blessed and have a harmonious society. Wish the 8th United Nations Day of Vesak a success!

Postscript

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