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Congratulatory Messages

The thrice-sacred day of Vesak, celebrating the Birth, Enlightenment and Passing away of the Buddha Gautama, is the most important event for Buddhists all over the world. I am truly happy to learn that the 84th Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty The King & the 8th International Celebration on the Occasion of United Nations Day of Vesak 2011/2554 will be held in Thailand under the theme of "Buddhist Virtues in Socio-Economic Development"

Beginning in the twentieth century, the world's economy grew rapidly, especially under globalization. However, people ignored the direction and the principles in this economic development. For example, regeneration, environmental protection, green nature, and sustainability. Moreover, it finally brought on a serious global financial crisis. How can we propagate the Buddhist culture, manifest the spirit of Bodhisattva's great compassion, and spread the traditional virtues of selflessness, mutual assistance, honesty, donation, patience, and diligence to help the world economy recovering from recession and create a harmonious coexistence of human society. These problems are most important subjects and should be considered by the world's Buddhists.

From the bottom of my heart, I fully admire the Thai Government and the Most Venerable Dr. Phra Dharmakosajarn, Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University in organizing the eighth United Nations Day of Vesak. The main theme of the Celebrations "Buddhist Virtues in Socio-Economic Development" is of great importance. I believe the participants will have productive discussions and be able to come up with positive policies and solutions to the Global Socio-Economic recovery. Finally, I wish the Celebrations big success!

Yours in the Dharma,

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