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**Congratulatory Message From Dr.A.T.Ariyaratne , Founder of the
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I am honoured to have been invited to give a keynote speech on the thrice blessed day of Wesak when the seventh anniversary of the UN declaration of the recognition of sacred day of the Birth, Enlightenment and Passing away of the Buddha. I wish to extend our appreciation, admiration and congratulations to the Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand, the Government of Thailand, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University of Thailand, Inner Trip Reiyukai International of Japan and others responsible for organizing this great historic event. Today humanity is facing global challenges if not dealt with properly can bring about untold disasters and an end to our civilization. The Buddha's compassionate message, I believe, shows us a way to meet these challenges satisfactorily and lead humanity towards contentment, happiness and peace.