



Congratulatory Messages
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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 really glad to learn that the seventh United Nations Day of Vesak will be held in Thailand under the theme of "Global Recovery: The Buddhist Perspective."

As everyone knows, the global climate changes a lot and the floods, the drought, and the earthquakes seem to happen more frequently than before. In pursuit of a high-quality life and with the development of high-tech, human beings overexploit and overuse the natural resource, which makes the earth, the environment, and the ecology damaged seriously and deeply. People didn't know the importance of the environmental protection and ecological conservation until our life and the nature became unstable. The theme for the 2010 Celebrations is "Global Recovery: The Buddhist Perspective." The issue, how to protect the global environment and the nature, should be discussed in depth during the Celebrations.

Two thousand years ago, Sakyamuni Buddha lived in an austere life and so did his disciples. He always set good examples with his own conduct for his disciples. Over two hundred doctrines, most of all are about clothing, food and housing. As to clothing, one can own only three robes; as to food, one can have one meal at noon a day; as to housing, one lives under the tree. This kind of life is really simple and no natural resource will be wasted. But people today not only live in a high-quality life, including clothing, food and housing but also overuse the global resource just only for personal enjoyment. From Buddhist perspective, if everyone can live in such life as Buddha lived in, "Global Recovery" will be hopeful and be able to come true.

Although in today's high-tech era it is impossible to have the same life that Buddha lived in two thousand years ago, we Sanghas should experience and follow the teaching "One meal at noon a day, living under a tree, and asking no more." Being a model for people, we should do everything from ourselves and can't waste anything. Then, we can push the general public to conserve and restore natural ecosystems. From the bottom of my heart, I really admire the Most Venerable Dr. Phra Dharmakosajarn, Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University and Inner Trip Reiyukai International of Japan to organize the seventh United Nations Day of Vesak. The main theme of the Celebrations "Global Recovery: The Buddhist Perspective" is of great importance. I believe all the participants must be able to come up with great policies and solutions to the natural and ecological conservation and restoration after discussions. Finally, I wish the

Celebrations big success!

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