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### **Congratulatory Messages**

Your Holiness, Venerable Sangha, Distinguished Delegates, and friends in Dhamma.

The thrice-sacred day of Vesak, celebrating the Birth, Enlightenment and Passing away of the Lord Buddha, is the most important event for Buddhists all over the world. Also recognized as an International Day of the United Nations.

On behalf of WatThaiDenmarkBrahmavihara Buddhist Monastery, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand, the Most Venerable Dr. Phra Dharmakosarjarn, the Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, all the participants and organizers of the 8th UNDV conference with deepest respect and greatest pleasure for gathering the unity of international Buddhists for Celebration on the Occasion of United Nations Day of Vesak , The 26<sup>th</sup> Century of Buddha's Enlightenment Celebration and The 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty the King of Thailand.

As we all know that there are many crises happened in our world. Those situations cause a lot of effects on everyone. With the theme of "Buddhist Virtues in Socio-Economic Development", this event will bring the well wishes of all Buddhists regardless of their nationality. We will be able to come up with the most effective solution to be implemented to develop the world Society and Economics. This will mainly demonstrate how to apply the Dhamma to relief suffering or crises and also reflects on how we follow the path of the Lord Bhuddha.

I would like to express my great appreciation for all of your hard work that made this UNDV celebration 2011 possible. May this gathering be fruitful and bring peace to all Nations. May the blessings of the Triple Gem be with you always.

Phrakru Visuddhi Dhammavides (Suddhivaṃso Bhikkhu)  
The Venerable abbot  
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