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**NO HIGHER BLISS THAN PEACE**

It is indeed a great pleasure to know United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration & Buddhist Conference 2011 is being organized by Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Bangkok, Thailand. Needless to say if India is the origin of Buddhism, Thailand is the living land of Buddhism & Buddhist Heritage. It is no exaggeration to say Buddhism and the Teachings of the Buddha are of great relevance and importance for the sustainable development of mankind and a peaceful world. The ideals of the Buddha have been greatly contributing to the enrichment of human values to a great extent in the world. For sustainable development, peace & prosperity, the Teachings of our Great Master are of great importance in present perspective. If the world has to survive and sustain, we will have to look at path shown by Lord Buddha whose Teachings are for the emancipation of every people of the world. Even for the democratic system of governance his teachings have great relevance. India has always formulated its policies for the socio-economic development of the country keeping in view the ideals of the Buddha. India's Development and participation of everyone is a great example which speaks of how the Buddhist values have contributed to the prosperity of our Nation. We are grateful to the people of Thailand for their outstanding contribution to the revival of Buddhist heritage and culture in India. We sincerely acknowledge our thanks and wish that in future also both Indian and Thailand will together play a vital role in the promotion of human values in the light of Buddhist Teachings in the world no higher bliss than peace is the essence of Buddhism. I wish grand success for the auspicious celebration and conference.

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