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Buddhist Virtues in Socio Economic Development

Venerable members of The Sangha, Buddhist Leaders, Distinguished Guests, Participants, Ladies and gentlemen

Namo Buddhaya,

On this international observance of the day of Vesak in 2011, it's a great pleasure to send my warmest greetings to all the Buddhist scholars and leaders gathering in Bangkok to pay homage to Buddha Gotama, but also to all those around the world whose lives have embodied their spirit and teachings.

We celebrate Vesak every year that remind us about thrice- sacred day of Vesak which happened in one day in the month of Vesak ie : Birth, Enlightenment and Passing away of the Buddha Gotama. All Buddhist followers in the world celebrate Vesak , especially Today we celebrate Vesak with United Nations and representative of Nations in the world. We representative of Nalanda Buddhist College, Indonesia give congratulatory message : Happy Vesak 2011/B.E 2554, May all beings always be happy, May people awakened for Buddhist Virtue in Socio Economic Development, May We always walk in the Path of Deliverence. We also say congratulation for commemorating the 84th Birthday of His Majesty the King Bhumibhol Adulyadej of Thailand.

We must work all together hand in hand to develop Buddhist Virtues in Socio Economic in the global crisis. We can collaborate to solve our problems in social and economic based on Buddha's teaching and practice Buddha Dhamma in daily activities. Especially in Indonesia, Buddhist Higher Education Institutes prepare students who will be a Buddhism teacher in elementary school, junior/senior High School, College, principal and also spread Buddha Dhamma in Indonesia. We prepare for young generation to have a chance to develop social and economic in the future.

I believe that the Buddhist leaders, who will attend the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebration in Thailand, will play a very eminent role in bringing out some productive results to immediately overcome the global crisis and to create a better world where all humanity could enjoy happiness and peace.

Yours sincerely in the Dhamma,

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