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Congratulatory Message United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations 2010, Thailand

On Behalf of Indonesian Buddhayana Council, we would like to express our best wishes and warmest greetings to everyone who assembles here in the United Nations Day of Vesak (UNDV) Celebrations 2010. It must be very great days, that Buddhists from all over the world, with such profound diversity, get together at this great event.

We are very grateful to the most Venerable Prof. Dr. Phra Dhammakosajarn, Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University and also President of International Council of United Nations day of Vesak and all great team for making this UNDV Celebrations 2010 possible. Surely, it needs a great dedication and hard work from all committee, and for that we would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

The Mission of our organization (which was established in 1955 by the late Venerable Ashin Jinarakkhita) is: "To practice and share the essence of Buddhism contextually through self transformation and social transformation by upholding the values of inclusiveness, pluralism and non-sectarianism within the faith to Dharmakaya (Sanghyang Adi Buddha or Divinity which is One)". This mission was very much driven by the living reality in our beloved country, Indonesia, which is engulfed by diversity in many respects as reflected in our state motto '**Bhinneka Tunggal Ika**' (Unity in Diversity). The motto was quoted from the verse of *Sutasoma*, by Mpu Tantular, a great Buddhist teacher of Majapahit in 14th Century.

It is therefore our calling to actively partake in realizing our nation unity despite we are diverse in many respects. At international level, the event initiated by ICUNDV to organize Vesak celebration together has indeed the same spirit. The nations are many but the human kind is one.

We sincerely wish that UNDV Celebrations 2010 a great success, and bring happiness and mindfulness to all participants.

Jakarta, 16 April 2010

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Chairman