



**Ko Bong Sa Zen Center
Mokyklos gatvė 21A, Vilnius, Lithuania**

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First at all I would like to express our gratitude for all the sacrifice and effort given to organize this great event, United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations & 2011/BE Buddhist Conference 2554.

For us it is a profound privilege and a great joy to be able to share and listen to so many venerable people. These meetings contain great teachings, extremely valuable to us, the inhabitants of Western societies, where the Buddhist tradition continues to flower. The mere act of participating in this conference and to visit this beautiful country of Thailand, is of the greatest aid in deepening our understanding of this ancient tradition.

Human beings of today's world live in societies bombarded by immense amounts of information, making it almost impossible to digest and to adjust to the rapid stream of input. Sociologists, philosophers and spiritual leaders agree that this ocean of information overwhelms all human beings and causes suffering, both mentally and physically. Gratefully, the teachings of the Buddha offer us alternatives—very real and practical ways-- to establish meaningful and clear relationships with nature, our fellow human beings and ourselves.

Let us congratulate His Majesty the King of Thailand on his 84 Birthday Anniversary, the Supreme Sangha Council and the Royal Thai Government, the International Council of United Nations Day of Vesak and the MCU University of Thailand.

Thank you for your support and care.
In appreciation for all you have done,

Yours in the Dharma

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