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MESSAGE

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On behalf of Buddhists in Malaysia, we extend to you our best wishes and warmest greetings to all on this auspicious occasion where Buddhist leaders from all over the world assembled in Ayutthaya in this beautiful Kingdom of Thailand to celebrate the 8th United Nations Day of Vesak 2554. We take this opportunity to wish everyone a **Happy and Joyous Vesak 2011**.

In conjunction with this celebration, we are also taking this occasion to celebrate the 84th Birthday of His Majesty the King of the Royal Kingdom of Thailand. On behalf of the members of Loka Mitta Buddhist Fellowship Malaysia, we would like to wish His Majesty **Happy Birthday and a healthy long life**.

15 December 1999 was a red letter day for all the Buddhists in this world. It was on this day at the 79th General Assembly Plenary of the United Nations, it was decided that the day most sacred to the Buddhists - the **Day of Vesak** be celebrated in May each year at the United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations offices, be observed **as International recognition of the Day of Vesak** effective from the year **2000**.

Since 2004 Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University has been organizing the United Nations Day of Vesak (UNDV) except 2008 when it was held in Hanoi, Vietnam. The task of organizing the celebration and bringing all the world Buddhist leaders together to assemble in one place is a yeoman effort. I would like to place on record our heartiest congratulations to all those who have put in their tireless efforts.

This year, the Royal Thai Government and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University is the host again. The Theme of this year's 8th United Nations Day of Vesak 2554 is **"Buddhist Virtues in Socio-Economic Development"**. Amongst the many subjects to be discussed during the workshops, what caught my attention is the topic "Building a Harmonious Society and Wisdom for the Awakening Society".

In today's world, human races are facing the various kind of crisis globally such as global warming, natural disasters affecting the lives of many, wars, political conflicts and also many other issues due to human weaknesses. In order to resolve some of the current issues, we should use our wisdom to settle them. The workshop should be use as the platform to discuss ways and means of settling the issues through Buddhist practices.

I hope all delegates will attend the various Panel workshops diligently to deliberate on various issues at hand and come out with proposals and suggestions on how we can make this world a better place to live.

On this joyous occasion of the thrice-sacred day of **Vesak** - the day of Birth, Enlightenment and passing away (Parinibbana) of the Buddha, let us remind ourselves on the significance of practicing the Dhamma as taught by our Lord Buddha. Let us remind ourselves the Great Virtues of our Master and use them daily to practice and improve our spiritual life.

May I conclude here by wishing the celebration of the United Nations Day of Vesak 2554 a great success and may all the current global challenges and issues be addressed and overcome with Buddha-Dhamma as the guiding light.

With the blessings of the noble Triple Gem, may all Beings be well and happy.



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