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## Congratulations

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It gives me great satisfaction to extend this congratulatory message on the occasion of the 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty the King and the 8<sup>th</sup> International Celebration of United Nations Day of Vesak 2011/2554 organized by Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU) of Thailand. The theme **Buddhist Virtues in Socio-Economic Development** is rightly chosen for the 2011 celebration conference.

We are now in a global village. The advancement of science and technology has transformed the mode of state management, social values and economic meaning. Human beings have become more individualistic, economically more aggressive and substantially materialistic. The state functions more like a selfish corporate business house. The housing, migration, communication, travel, jobs, positions, and power have become variables determining the limitations of a man as human and social being. Human beings have become materially rich, but mentally poor and fragile. Religions have become more and more redundant. We Buddhists must keep recalling the **Buddhist Virtues** for coaching on leadership for right socio-economic development, building harmonious society, environmental preservation and restoration and wisdom for awakening society. Otherwise, unbalanced economy, social conflict, and war will make this global village an unhappy human habitat.

We must continue striving for disseminating wisdom taught by Buddha for social awakening. I am confident that the efforts made by Thai people, their Government and the Buddhist institutions will create right conditions for effective practice of Buddhist Virtues. May Metta, Karuna, Mudita and Upekkha prevail.

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