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Greetings from the Land of Gautam Buddha's Birth-place, Lumbini, Nepal

It is our immense pleasure to send the greetings from the Land of Gautam Buddha's Birth place, Lumbini, Nepal.

Ever since the adoption of 1999 resolution of the United Nations General Assembly to observe the Tripe-sacred Day of Vesak to celebrate the Birth, Enlightenment and attention of Nirvana of Gautam Buddha, UN Headquarter and its offices world-wise have been organizing regularly in the month of May.

The Royal Thai Government has been generously celebrating the Vesek Day as an International gathering of prominent scholars to deliberate on the teaching of Dhamma. As in the earlier years, the responsibility of organizing this year's 2011/2554 event of such a paramount importance is taken by Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University with the theme **Buddhist Virtues in Socio-Economic Development** – a topic so pertinent for the peaceful coexistence of entire mankind.

It is a happy coincidence that the government of Nepal is awarding **Gautam Buddha International Peace Award** for the first time to the two Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki for "*The recovery and restoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki from the ashes of war to beautiful, modern cities have inspired people all over the world to unite for peace and human solidarity*".

On this auspicious occasion, we the Buddhist of Nepal extend the hearty felicitation to His Majesty King Bhomibol Adulyadej, the Royal Patron of Buddhism, on his 84th Birthday and wish him good health.

Let the celebration of this year's UN Vesek Day bring happiness and prosperity to all the mankind.

Let peace prevail in the entire World by virtue of the triple-gem, Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha.

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