



## Bouddhique Association De NouvelléCalédoni

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United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations and Buddhist Conference

### CongratulatoryMessage

On the behalf of the Buddhist Association of New Caledonia and Nam Hai Pho Da Temple, I would like to congratulate the Organising Committee for their continuous effort in coordinating one of the most important days on the international Buddhist calendar, the United Nations Day of Vesak in Bangkok, in the peaceful Buddhist Kingdom of Thailand.

Citizens of any country who are aware of the socio-economic situation of that country, and the negative environmental conditions developing as the result of climate change, cannot sit back and wait, hoping the situation will heal by itself. Under the law of cause and effect, negative environmental outcomes may have been caused by certain volitional actions. These are actions we should seek to uncover and address, not only to mitigate negative effects, but to improve the situation.

The virtues of a holy person are accumulated by avoiding negative actions, and knowing how to repent and rectify a negative action. The socio-economic status and environmental situation of this world has its causes and effects as well. A healthy body needs exercise and medically-informed disciplinary action; mere eating and breathing alone do not guarantee a healthy life. Both the celebration and the conference are essential reminders and a source of encouragement to develop right understanding and right action.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Supreme Sangha Council and the Government of Thailand for their spiritual and financial support for this event. In addition, may I thank Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for its unparalleled skills in coordinating and uniting global Buddhist talents to make this important event progress harmoniously.

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