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**HAPPY VESAK TO THE WORLD**

*"Homage to The Buddha"*

The Vesak provides us new light to our daily lives. Physically as well as psychologically we try to avoid conducting Akusala Kamma (unwholesome actions). Buddhists in the world engage in Dana (giving), Sila (observing precepts), and Bhavana (meditation) activities specially during the Vesak period. Even in some countries like Thailand, they organize not only spiritual activities but also educational conferences to enlighten the whole world to feel the value of Vesak celebration. In strong Buddhist countries, they organize Vesak activities even in schools to feel the importance of Vesak celebration among students and teachers.

Once The Buddha said that, the greatest way to respect to The Buddha (Buddha Puja) is to follow his teaching (The Dhamma). Therefore we must not forget the core essence of The Vesak celebration – to follow The Buddha's path. To show the real respect to The Buddha, each and every one of us must keep in mind the real Vesak celebration. The actual Vesak celebration will enhance the peace and harmony in the world.

Every one of us agrees that to organize an international Vesak day celebration is not such an easy task. But The Supreme Thai Sangha, The Royal Thai Government, and the MCU bravely took this task in hand without any hesitation again in this year. We all can see that this is a good example to all the other Buddhist countries. We all will hope that all the other Buddhist countries will take this event in account to organize such international Vesak day celebrations to engage the whole Buddhist world in spiritual path. As Buddhists we also must provide our maximum support to organize international Vesak day celebration and to make it more colorful.

On behalf of the Slovenian Buddhists and Slovenian Theravada Buddhist Association, I take this opportunity to express our gratefulness to The Supreme Thai Sangha, The Royal Thai Government, The MCU and to the International Vesak Day Organizing Committee, for the successfulness of organizing International Vesak Day celebration again in this year in Thailand. ***OUR CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR SUCCESSES ...***

**SADHU... SADHU... SADHU...**

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