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Congratulatory Message

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Greetings,

On this occasion of the 2010 UN Day of Vesak, I am honored to express my congratulatory message on behalf of the American Buddhist community. We gratefully recognize the effort of the many who have dedicated their time and labor to the continuation of this very significant conference. The ideas and messages that have emanated from this venue demonstrate the sincere effort of Buddhists worldwide to cooperatively create a safe, wise, and compassionate international community. Practicing the Buddha's teachings will heal the ills of today's society and diminish the current climate of greed, prejudice, hatred, violence, and ignorance.

As we persevere in our endeavor to practice the Buddha's way of peace to find remedies, we face the truth that while there is no panacea, only continual vigilance can prevent greater deterioration. Gatherings, such as the UN Day of Vesak, are opportunities to keep the light of awareness and compassion burning brightly.

Our dedication to the practice is re-energized by the dialogue and commentary of our distinguished colleagues. Through the inspiration of their messages, our individual efforts are enhanced as we return to our respective responsibilities.

We salute and honor the organizers and participants of this noble conference. May the message of the Buddha reach all beings throughout the universe.

Bhante Chao Chu

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